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Widening of NH 48 to eliminate 13 black spots

BENGALURU

The National Highways Authority of India has decided to eliminate 13 black spots that include Thippagondanahalli located between Nelamangala and Tumakuru of NH48. It is widening the road to six lanes for a stretch of 45 km at a cost ₹2,032 crore.

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Degree admissions pick up; more takers for Commerce

BENGALURU

With employment opportunities galore for Commerce and Management graduates this year too, those seeking admissions for undergraduate degree courses are preferring Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) and Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) the most.

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HDD, Lingayat seer write to CM about textbooks

BENGALURU

The former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and Lingayat seer Sanehalli Panditharadhya Shivacharya Swam have written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on objections to the revised school textbooks.

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Droupadi Murmu is NDA pick; Opposition parties field Sinha

BJP chooses tribal leader for President; she will take on former party veteran

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Opposition have declared their respective candidates for the Presidential election in July.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Parliamentary Board nominated former Jharkhand Governor Droupadi Murmu, who hails from Odisha and will be the first tribal woman to be the President of India, if elected. The Opposition declared former Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha as its candidate.

High-level meeting

The BJP called a meeting of the Parliamentary Board late on Tuesday evening, and after discussions, attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and lasting a little over an hour, announced Ms. Murmu's name.

Party president J.P. Nadda said that during the meeting, some 20 names were discussed, but it was felt that the new President of India should hail from the east and be a woman and an Adivasi (Ms. Murmu belongs to the Santhal community).

For the Opposition, the choice of Mr. Sinha took a circuitous route. After two rounds of deliberations and many informal meetings, the 84-year-old bureaucrat-turned politician was declared the Opposition's common candidate.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh read out from a joint statement of the Opposition parties at the press meet. "Ideally, a consensus candidate of the government and the Opposition should be elected for the highest office of the Republic. However, the initiative for this should have been taken by the government. We regret the fact that the Modi government made no serious efforts in this direction. We, therefore, appeal to all political parties to support the candidature of Mr. Sinha so that the nation can have a worthy Rashtrapati (President) elected unopposed."

Droupadi Murmu, left, and Yashwant Sinha • PTI

No consensus

Mr. Nadda said that while a consensus candidate for the post of President was desirable, it did not materialise. "Both Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and I spoke to leaders of the various parties, including the UPA (United Progressive Alliance), but a commonality was not emerging. Therefore, we decided to field a common NDA candidate for the post of President of India," Mr. Nadda said.

"Looking at all this, it was decided that former Jharkhand Governor Droupadi Murmu would be the NDA's candidate for President of India," Mr. Nadda said.

The members of the Parliamentary Board, the BJP's highest decision-making body, include Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Roads and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and BJP general secretary B.L. Santhosh.

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Numbers game: all eyes on JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties are counting on making the 16th Presidential election a close contest. By nominating Yashwant Sinha, the Opposition is hoping to bring Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (U) to its side, to make the battle slightly more even. Over the past many weeks, the JD(U) and the BJP have been at each other's throats, and the latest point of friction is the government's new military recruitment scheme Agnipath.

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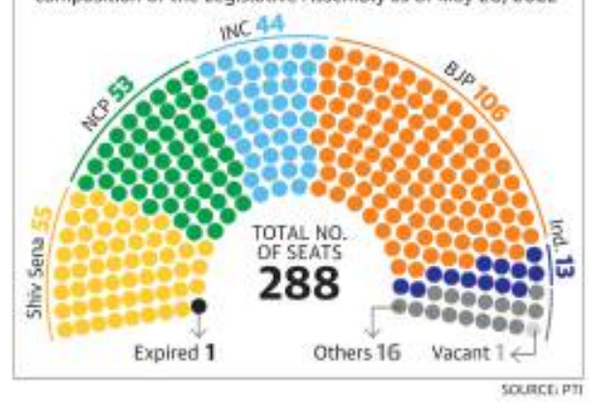
Uddhav govt. wobbles as several Sena MLAs rebel

Group moving to Guwahati from Surat

Assembly composition

Of the 152 legislators supporting the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra, 21 MLAs from the Shiv Sena, along with an Independent MLA, are holed up in a hotel in Surat, signalling a crisis in the ruling party. A look at the composition of the Legislative Assembly as of May 20, 2022



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ALOK DESHPANDE
MAHESH LANGA
MUMBAI/AHMEDABAD

The tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in Maharashtra is staring at a crisis as senior Minister and Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde has rebelled against the party, demanding that it exit the ruling coalition and join hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) again.

Hours after the BJP scored over the MVA in the Maharashtra Legislative Council election, Mr. Shinde, the State's Urban Development Minister, left Mumbai with a group of MLAs for Surat in Gujarat. Late on Monday, they were reportedly being shifted to Guwahati in Assam on a chartered flight from Surat. "From the hotel, MLAs, escorted by a BJP legislator, are being taken to the airport on a special bus and from there to Guwahati on a flight," a source said.

Shiv Sena leaders Milind Narvekar and Ravindra Phatak held a meeting with Mr. Shinde in Surat, but he reportedly asked the Sena leadership to join hands with the BJP. Mr. Thackeray called up Mr. Shinde during that meeting. According to Sena sources, the rebel Minister asked Mr. Thackeray not to continue in the MVA.

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Mob disrupts Yoga Day in Maldives

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

A mob on Tuesday stormed the Maldives national football stadium and attacked participants at the International Day of Yoga event organised by the Indian High Commission and the Maldivian government.

The police soon arrived and tackled the mob, allowing the event to resume, Male-based officials said. Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih termed it a matter of "serious concern". Soon after the incident, he said in a tweet: "An investigation has been launched into the incident. This is being treated as a matter of serious concern and those responsible will be swiftly brought before the law."

The Government of Maldives "strongly condemned" the incident. "Such malicious acts of violence aimed at disrupting public safety and undermining security of individuals and the diplomatic corps will not be tolerated," the island nation's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said. Video footage captured by the Maldivian media showed angry men, carrying poles and flags, raging towards participants seated on the ground on yoga mats, and trying to attack them.

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In tandem

Members of Sri Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Samiti performing asanas at the Thousand Pillars Temple at Moodbidri on International Day of Yoga on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Yogic energy is giving direction to global health, says PM Modi

Mass events held at 75 locations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU/NEW DELHI

Describing yoga day as a "global festival", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that yogic energy is giving direction to global health.

"Yogic energy, which has been nurtured for centuries by spiritual centres of India like Mysuru, is today giving direction to global health," Mr. Modi said while addressing a gathering on the 8th International Day of Yoga event at Mysuru in Karnataka which he led on Tuesday.

Amrit spirit

Pointing out that India was celebrating yoga day at a time when the country was celebrating its 75th year of Independence, the Amrit Mahotsav, the Prime Minister said: "The widespread acceptance of yoga day is the acceptance of that 'Amrit spirit' of the country, which gave energy to India's freedom struggle."

"That is why mass yoga demonstrations are being organised at 75 iconic locations across the country, which have been witness to the glorious history of India and have been the centre of cultural energy," he said, while adding that the experience of collective yoga at the historical sites of India was like "tying together India's past, India's diversity and India's expansion". Several Union Ministers participated in the International Yoga Day celebrations at 75 historical sites across the country. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya joined the celebrations at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat's Kevadia.

At the iconic Mysuru palace early in the morning, an estimated 15,000 people had gathered for the mass yoga event. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and Union Minister for Ayush Sarbanand Sonowal were among the participants, along with Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of the erstwhile royal family of Mysuru.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the main event on International Day of Yoga, on Mysuru palace premises on Tuesday. • M.A. SRIRAM

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Four arrested for gang-rape of minor

MARRI RAMU
HYDERABAD

Yet another gang-rape of a minor was reported in Hyderabad on Tuesday and the police arrested four persons. The accused Ajaz, Abbu, Salar and Feroz were remanded in judicial custody. On Sunday night, the 14-year-old victim left her house in Chandrayanagutta and went to her grandmother's house.

"The girl's grandmother took her to task for venturing out late in the night. So the girl started towards her home," the officer said. The accused approached the girl stating that they would help her reach home. They took her to a room in a secluded place before violating her, the officer said.

'Poor worried about water, middle and upper class lament about traffic'

City Politics Survey reveals mood of Bengalureans ahead of civic polls

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

What bothers Bengalureans ahead of the civic polls? One would think of the obvious answers: traffic snarls and bad roads. However, a survey conducted by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy has revealed that while middle and upper class mostly lament about traffic congestion, which dominates public discourse, the poor's biggest concern is access to water.

Of the 503 who were part of the survey, 23% of urban poor said their biggest worry is access to water. With Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) closing public taps in slums and the poor being pushed to rely on costly RO plants for drinking water due to irregular supply of water, even the poor in core areas are concerned. Access to water is predominantly an issue among the poor in the outer zones. Another issue that dominates their concerns is garbage - 19% of the urban poor respondents - probably owing to irregular collection of waste from urban poor pockets in the city.

Women gather to collect potable drinking water at Ambedkar colony, in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

Expectedly, 30% of the middle and upper class respondents in the survey said their biggest concern has been traffic. However, cutting across all classes, lack of pedestrian facilities have emerged as one of the biggest pain points in the city - 23% of them listed it as a concern, followed by garbage (20%), traffic (16%), and water (15%). The survey revealed that women and men alike - 83% of Bengaluru voters - appeal for BBMP elections to be fought on the basis of civic issues they face in the city.

'ONLY TWO IN 10 PEOPLE KNOW NAME OF LAST MAYOR' ▸ PAGE 2

BBMP spent ₹23 crore to redo 14 km of road for PM's travel

This included stretches of Mysuru Road and Ballari Road

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As the bumpy ride on many of the city's roads continues to attract anger and ridicule from citizens, residents of areas where Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled recently got lucky over the last week. The city's civic body spent ₹23 crore to redo 14 km of road ahead of his visit, including stretches of Mysuru Road and Ballari Road.

This is apart from road works that Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) took up near Kommaghatta, where the Prime Minister held a public rally and laid foundation stone for several infrastructure works.

P.N. Ravindra, Special Commissioner (Projects), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), addressing a press conference on Tuesday, said the roads that Mr. Modi travelled were taken up for redevelopment a week ago on top priority and works were carried out day-and-night.

"The road works involved re-asphalting of roads, re-doing service roads, replacing faulty street lights, medians, painting of kerb stones, and other related works," he said. The works were taken up with funds from the chief civic commissioner's discretionary funds, with the approval of Urban Development Department (UDD), he added.

When quizzed on the priorities of the civic body, as to how these roads were redeveloped in a week even as they blamed rains for filling potholes in the rest of the city, Mr. Ravindra said other works were also underway and claimed only 1,600 odd potholes were left on the city streets to be filled. "Filling potholes is tedious work and usually affected by rains. But redeveloping an entire stretch of road is far easier," he said.

Apart from this, the BDA took up redevelopment of 5.5 km road from Shirke Apartments to Kommaghatta, while Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) also sped up its work on Mysuru Road.

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Successful launch

2 The number of attempts South Korea took to launch its first domestically built space rocket months after its earlier liftoff failed to place a payload into orbit. The launch has made South Korea the world's 10th nation to place a satellite into space with its own technology. The Nuri rocket succeeded in releasing and placing its functioning "performance verification" satellite at a target altitude of 700 kilometers after its liftoff. In the first attempt last October, the rocket's dummy payload reached its desired altitude but didn't enter orbit. AGENCIES

Large-scale strike

50,000 The number of rail, maritime, and transport union (RMT) members on strike in the U.K. as the railway workers launched the network's biggest strike in more than three decades. The RMT union argues that strikes are necessary as wages have failed to keep pace with U.K.'s inflation, which has hit a 40-year high. Trains and London underground stations were deserted , with just a skeleton service running on many networks across the country. AFP

Food security aid

600 In million euros, the amount pledged by the EU to help vulnerable nations weather a food security crisis worsened by Russia's war on Ukraine. The funds include €150 million in humanitarian assistance for African, Caribbean and Pacific nations and €350 million to boost sustainable food production. "Russia is still blocking millions of tonnes of desperately needed grain. To help our partners we will mobilise an additional €600 million to avoid a food crisis and an economic shock," the European Commission chief said. AFP

Turmoil in Maharashtra

29 The number of MLAs from smaller parties and independents whose stand will be crucial as uncertainty looms over the Maharashtra government's stability. The Uddhav Thackeray-led government appears to be in crisis after Shiv Sena Minister Eknath Shinde and some MLAs of his party have gone incommunicado and camping in Surat, a day after suspected cross-voting in the MLC polls. Of the 13 independents, six are supporters of the BJP, five have backed the Shiv Sena, while the Congress and NCP enjoy the support of one independent each. PTI

Nobel auctioned

103.5 In $ million, the amount for which a Nobel prize was sold by Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov to raise money for Ukrainian child refugees shattering the old record for a Nobel prize. Previously, the most ever paid for a Nobel Prize medal was in 2014, when James Watson, whose co-discovery of the structure of DNA earned him a Nobel Prize, sold his medal for $4.76 million. Mr. Muratov has been highly critical of Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and the war launched in February. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The textbook controversy in Karnataka

Why has the revision of textbooks in the State triggered opposition from several communities, writers and students?

THE GIST

- Revisions made to Kannada textbooks from Class 1 to 10 by the textbook revision committee headed by Rohith Chakrathirtha has triggered opposition from various groups.
- The removal of writings by various distinguished writers has sparked protests by scholars and student organisations from Karnataka. They have accused the revision committee and the government of propagating Hindutva ideology.
- Dalit organisations, seers from the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community and leaders of the Vokkaliga community have all objected to the revised textbooks.

SANAAH MEHRA

The story so far: A textbook revision committee headed by Rohith Chakrathirtha was set up in Karnataka following a memorandum submitted by the Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha to the Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh. The memorandum demanded revision of Class 6 Social Science textbooks on the ground that they "hurt the sentiments of the Brahmin community." The Karnataka textbook revision committee was initially set up to revise Social Science textbooks from Classes 6 to 8. However, it was eventually given the responsibility to revise all textbooks from Classes 1 to 10. The committee submitted its report in March 2022 and as per the report, Social Science textbooks of Classes 6 to 10 in all mediums, Classes 1 to 10 Kannada first language (except Class 3) textbooks, Kannada second language textbooks of Classes 6, 7, and 9, and third language textbooks of all mediums of Classes 7, 8, and 9 were revised. The revised textbooks have triggered opposition from various groups.

Why did the Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board object to certain sections in the textbooks?

The Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board met with then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in December 2020 objecting to certain extracts in the Class 6 Social Science Part 1 textbook. One of the paragraphs it found objectionable was in chapter 5 titled "The Culture of The Vedic Period". The paragraph stated: "Offering milk, ghee and cereals to the fire during these yagnas led to the shortage of food". Furthermore, sections from paragraph 1 of chapter 7, 'Rise of New Religions', was found objectionable. The paragraph under the subheading "Why did the new religions emerge?" read: "During the Vedic period, rituals like Yaga and Yagna needed animal sacrifice. This affected the food production. Apart from this, food grains, milk and ghee were offered as 'Havisu' and burnt in the fire which resulted in a shortage of food. People had also believed that only through these Yagnas true liberation (Mukti) was possible. But these costly rituals were conducted by reciting Sanskrit shlokas. Sanskrit was the priests' language and common people were unable to understand it. People were in expectation of a simple path to liberation that was explained in their own language." The Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha claimed that such statements in the textbooks hurt their religious sentiments and hence should be revised. In September 2021, a 16-member committee headed by Mr. Chakrathirtha was set up to revise textbooks from Classes I to Class 10. The committee submitted a report in March 2022 which sparked opposition from Dalit organisations, various writers and from two powerful communities of Karnataka, the Veerashaiva Lingayat and Vokkaliga Sabha.

The revised textbooks, which were released online on May 23, do not contain chapters on "The Culture of the Vedic Period", "Rise of New Religions" and "Christianity and Islam."

Why are Dalit organisations protesting against the revision?

Outrage among Dalit organisations was triggered due to the omission of certain details about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in chapter 5 of the Class 9 Social Science textbook titled "Our Constitution". The chapter previously stated that "based on his (BR Ambedkar's) contribution to the framing of the constitution, he is called the 'Chief Architect of [the] Indian Constitution'." However, the revised textbooks only mention that "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was the Chairman of one of the most important committees, i.e., the Drafting Committee." Information about Ambedkar's contribution in getting rid of untouchability in another chapter has also been tweaked. The revised textbook only mentions that "Jyotiba Phule, Swami Vivekananda, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and others made immense efforts to wipe out the stigma of untouchability". Dalit organisations have demanded that the lessons be reprinted and the omitted information about Ambedkar be reinstated.

Why are seers of the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community upset?

Various Veerashaiva-Lingayat seers have raised objections against the revision of the content of chapter 3 of the Class 9 Social Science Part 1 textbook titled, "Religious Promoters and Social Reformers". While the previous textbook stated that "Basaveshwara was a strong opponent of the caste system and he threw away the 'Sacred thread' after his Upanayana (the thread ceremony) and went to Kudalasangama", the revised textbook has excluded this and only mentions that "after his thread ceremony, he went to Kudalasangama". The previous textbook had also mentioned that "Basaveshwara and his disciples advocated Veerashaiva philosophy which was based on simple human values. They rejected the numerous rituals deeply rooted in Vedic religion." However, the revised textbook simply states: "He reformed Veerashaivism." This has upset the Lingayat community which wants the content revised to reflect the actual history of Basaveshwara.

What about the Vokkaligas?

Leaders of the Vokkaliga community are raising objections against the textbook revision committee's head Mr. Chakrathirtha. They are accusing him of insulting the Nada Geethe (state anthem) and being disrespectful to a well-known Kannada poet, Kuvempu, who wrote it. The accusations stem from a Facebook post of 2017 that has resurfaced and has been doing rounds on social media. The screenshot is a parody of the state anthem that Mr. Chakrathirtha posted on March 16, 2017. According to the screenshot, Mr. Chakrathirtha gave a satirical meaning to the state anthem, allegedly disrespecting it by comparing Karnataka to the Congress party. The Vokkaliga Sangha and various student organisations such as the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) and the All India Students' Federation (AISF) staged a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru demanding the dissolution of the textbook committee headed by Mr. Chakrathirtha. Various eminent writers have resigned from State government bodies because of the lack of action against the committee head.

Why are writers, scholars and student organisations angry?

The removal of writings by various distinguished writers has sparked protests by scholars and student organisations from Karnataka. Class 10 Kannada textbooks have been revised and chapter 1 titled "Yuddha" by Sara Aboobacker, chapter 4 titled "Mruga Mattu Sundari" by P. Lankesh, and chapter 6, "Vyagra Geethe" by A. N. Murthy Rao has been dropped. The works of these writers have been replaced by a speech of the founder of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, K.B Hedgewar, and essays by Chakravarthy Sulibele, a right-wing ideologist, and Sanskrit scholars Bannanje Govindacharya and Shathavadhani Ganesh. Student organisations and scholars point out that the inclusion of Hedgewar's speech will lead to the "saffronisation" of textbooks. They accused the revision committee and the government of propagating Hindutva ideology.

No to revisions: Students led by AIDSO protest against the revision of school textbooks outside the district administrative complex in Kalaburagi, Karnataka on June 6. • ARUN KULKARNI

EXPLAINER

The judicial validity of the Talaq-e-Hasan mode of divorce

Does this form of annulment have basis in the Quran? What are the different modes of divorce under the Muslim Personal Law?

ZIYA US SALAM

The story so far: A public interest litigation (PIL) seeking to invalidate Talaq-e-Hasan, the prescribed Islamic way of divorce, has been filed in the Supreme Court.

What is the PIL about?

The petition filed by Benazir Hina, a Ghaziabad-based woman, through Advocate-on-Record Ashwani Kumar Dubey, seeks to make the prescribed Islamic way of divorce Talaq-e-Hasan unconstitutional as it is violative of Articles 14, 15, 21 and 25 of the Constitution. Ms. Hina, who claimed to have been unilaterally divorced through the Talaq-e-Hasan mode by her husband Yousuf, also prayed that Section 2 of the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937 that permits Muslims to practise unilateral divorce be declared void. The apex court had declined an urgent hearing on the subject in May this year. However, on June 17 a vacation Bench of Justices A.S. Bopanna and Vikram Nath allowed a plea for urgent hearing of the matter. It was argued that the aggrieved lady and her child would be left without a remedy if no intervention was made. The first talaq notice was given on April 19 and the second notice was issued on May 19.

The hearing comes almost five years after the five judge Bench headed by then Chief Justice J.S. Khehar, and including Justice R.F. Nariman, Justice Kurian Joseph, Justice U.U. Lalit and Justice S. Abdul Nazeer had invalidated instant triple talaq in their verdict in the *Shayara Bano vs the Union of India and others* case in August 2017. The invalidation of instant triple talaq where the court held, "What is bad in theology is bad in law as well", led to the enactment of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act 2019.

How is Talaq-e-Hasan different from instant triple talaq?

In instant triple talaq a man pronounces multiple divorce in one go. It has no scope for reconciliation between the feuding couple, and often ends a marriage instantly. It is, as the judges held, not mentioned anywhere in the Quran which prescribes a code of divorce largely through Surah Baqarah, verses 226 to 237 and the opening six verses of Surah Talaq. Incidentally, triple talaq in this manner has been banned in many Muslim countries, including Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Kuwait, Iraq, Malaysia etc.

Unlike instant triple talaq, Talaq-e-Hasan is pronounced with a gap of at least one month or one menstrual cycle. Only a single revocable divorce takes place through the first pronouncement of Talaq-e-Hasan. The husband and wife are supposed to live together after this pronouncement and have the option of rapprochement. If the couple is not able to mend fences in the intervening period and the husband does not annul divorce through word or by establishing intimacy, the talaq stays valid. At the end of this month, the husband has to pronounce divorce for the second time. Likewise for the third time. After the second pronouncement too, the divorce is revocable, and the couple may resume their conjugal relationship anytime they so desire. If, however, the third pronouncement is made after at least one menstrual cycle, then irrevocable divorce takes place. Significantly, no divorce can be administered when the woman is undergoing her menstrual cycle. Even in the case of pregnancy, no divorce takes place. And if such a pronouncement is made, it remains in abeyance till the end of pregnancy.

Ms. Hina argues that her divorce is invalid as she received her divorce notices when she was undergoing her menses. Unlike instant triple talaq, the Quran clearly mentions the process of Talaq-e-Hasan. According to Surah Baqarah, verse 229, "Divorce can be pronounced twice; then either honourable retention or kindly release should follow..." Likewise the opening verse of Surah Talaq states, "O Prophet, when you divorce women, divorce them for their waiting period, and compute the waiting period accurately...Do not turn them out of the homes (during the waiting period) nor should they go away..."

Are there other options of divorce apart from the Talaq-e-Hasan?

The third option of divorce besides Talaq-e-Hasan and the now repudiated instant triple talaq, is Talaq-e-Ahsan. Under this form, a single pronouncement is made. Following the pronouncement, a woman has to go through iddat or a waiting period of three months.

During this period the divorce can be cancelled. However, failure to annul divorce during this period results in it being finalised after which a woman is independent, and free to marry another man or stay single, as she may choose. Both Talaq-e-Hasan and Talaq-e-Ahsan enjoy legal validity in almost all Muslim countries.

Interestingly, women too have a right to end an unsuccessful marriage through Khula. Here a woman gives something to the man in return for annulling the marriage.

In April 2021, the Kerala High Court held this form of divorce valid. The court overruled a 49-year-old verdict in *K.C. Moyin vs Nafeesa and Others* (1972) that barred Muslim women from dissolving their marriage through non-judicial modes.

There is some debate among Islamic scholars on the ways of Khula. Some hold that the man's consent is necessary in Khula while most say that he enjoys no such privilege.

THE GIST

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No.: KST/EEM/JE/164/2022-23 Date: 21.06.2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 01/2022-23

Item wise tenders are invited for the notification no. 01 work mentioned below as per Kamataka Transparency in Public Procurement at KTTP Ordinance at 1999, and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through E-procurement. The contractors / firms will have to upload all required information, documents and rates etc., in the website only i.e., https://eproc.kamataka.gov.in No documents will be accepted manually.

Name of Work: **Development works at Hebbale Bus Station (Somavara pete Taluk).** Approximate Amount put to tender: **Rs. 65.72 Lakhs.** Earnest Money Deposit: **Rs. 1,31,440/-.**

(1) Last date for Receipt of Tenders: **14.07.2022**. (2) Interested Bidders can login to the website https://eproc.kamataka.gov.in for details on or after **29.06.2022**. (3) Any other information required can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Nelson Mandella Road, Bannimantapa, Mysuru during working hours, Ph. No.: **0821-2498828**

Sd/-,
Executive Engineer

DIPR/CP/LC/1002/2022-23

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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com

No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/826 Dated:18.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION/CALL-3RD

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Indent No. 21811 for Rs. 101.08 Lakhs (Call-3). The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 18.06.2022 to 06.07.2022 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-bid Meeting Dated: 27.06.2022 up to 11.00 AM at Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti Office. Cover-I (Technical Bid) will be opened on 08.07.2022 at 11.00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 14.07.2022 at 11.00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಕಾಕಾಇ/2022-23 **KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti**

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, Shimoga

No.EE/PWD/Smg/AE-3/IFT-13/2022-23 Dtd:20.06.2022

Tender Notification

Tender invited through E-Procurement **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for the below Indents by PWD Class-4 above Contractors. For needful information please contact Office P.No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

All Contractors can participate

1. Sagara Tq 15 Work
2. Shikaripura Tq 13 Work

Tender documents down loading & submission dates : Sl.No:1 to 6 Works Dated:21-06-2022 to 04-07-2022, Sl.No:7,12,13,14,15,16,17,23,24,25 Works Date:20-06-2022 to 04-07-2022 , Sl.No:8,9,10,11 .17,18,19,20,21,22,26,27 Works Date:21-06-2022 to 05-07-2022, Sl No:15 Work Date:23-06-2022 to 10-07-2022

Period for completion of works :For Sl No:1 to 12 and 15- 7 Months , For Sl No:13 and 14 -3 Months, For Sl No:16 to 28 -11 Months (Including Monsoon)

Sd/- EE, PW Dept Division, Shimoga

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division, BBMP Commerical Complex, 2nd Floor, Lashkar Hosuru Road, Adugodi, Bengaluru - 30.

No: EE(BTM)/Ae/e-proc/05/2022-23 Date: 20.06.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover System) 1st Call

(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or any reputed agencies, equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl No.	Name of the Works	Approx. Value of Work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1	Construction of Gallery and Compound wall to Munichinnappa School ground in Ward No-146 Lakkasandra.	99.00	2,00,000
2	Improvements to the existing road side drains and desilting of drains in ST Bed area and Kaveri Layout, Nirguna Mandir Layout surrounding in Ward No-148 Ejipura.	99.00	2,00,000
3	Improvements to Thavarekere Park and Surrounding area in Ward No-152 S G Palya	99.00	2,00,000
4	Improvements to road and drain in Madduramma Colony, Bank Colony, Tavarekere, Venkateshwara Layout and surrounding area in Ward No-172 Madiwala	75.00	1,50,000
5	Improvements to drain in 12th Main, 13th Main, 6th Cross and 13th Cross roads in HSR 5th Sector and surrounding area in Ward No-173 Jakkasandra	98.00	1,96,000
6	Asphalting to EWS Colony from 21st Main road to 28th Main road in Ward No-176 BTM Layout	99.00	2,00,000

Calendar of Events : (1) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **30.06.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **27.06.2022** at **3:00** pm. (3) Date of Opening of Tender Document is on **01.07.2022** at **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division

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No.VIMS/SUP/TEND/02/2022-23, DATE: 20/06/2022.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from the eligible Bidders for **SUPPLY OF PRINTED REGISTERS & FORMS** to VIMS, Ballari under Two Tender System as per KTPP Act 1999 & Rules 2000 through e-procurement portal **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of Government of Karnataka.

(1).Start date of download Tender Document: **21.06.2022**. (2).Last Date for submission of Queries: **28.06.2022 up to 5.00 PM.** (3).Tender Pre-Bid Meeting on: **29.06.2022 @ 11.30 AM in the chambers of under signed.** (4).Last date for submission of Tender: **12.07.2022** up to **5.00 PM.** (5).Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid on: **13.07.2022 @ 05.15 PM.** (6).Approximate Cost of Tender is **Rs. 149.00 Lakhs**

Sd/- Director, VIMS, Bellary.

DIPR/Ballari/171/MCA/2022-23

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಬೆನಪ್ರಾ/ಟೋಶಾ/ಇಇ/ಟೆಂ-43/2022-23/1159 ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.06.2022.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Commissioner, Belagavi Urban Development Authority,Belagavi invites tenders from eligible tenders registered in PWD/ZP/CPWD for the works taken under Belagavi Urban Development Authority Grants works in standard tender document through E-Procurement portal for further details visit online web site https:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The deatils of the time table of tenders are as follows.

Number of works	18No's
Estimated Cost	Rs 60.10 Lakhs to 99.35 Lakhs
EMD in Rs	Rs 120000.0 to 199000.0
Last Date for Reciept of Tenders/Bids through	06.07.2022 Up to 16:00 Hrs
Date of Opening of Technical Bid	07.07.2022 Up to 16:30 Hrs
Date of Opening of Financial Bid	11.07.2022 Up to 16:30 Hrs

Sd/-Executive Engineer. Belagavi Urban Development Authority Belagavi

Sd/-Commissioner, Belagavi Urban Development Authority Belagavi

DIPR/BGM/RD-172/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. EEE/MWD/BLY/AEE(O)/2022-23/634 Date: 18.06.2022

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited have accorded approval for arranging power supply to an extent of 36MVA on 220kV Voltage class in favour of M/s. Resources Pellets Concentrates Pvt. Ltd. Located at # 2198, BKG House, KHB Colony, Sandur-583119, Ballari (Dist.), Karnataka for their 3.2 MTPA pellet plant, 3.6 MTPA Pellet feed plant at Somlapura Village, Sandur Taluka, Ballari Dist., from KPTCL 220/66/11kV Badeladaku (Kudligi) substation in Kudligi Taluka, Vijayanagara Dist. under self execution scheme and the subject work is sanctioned in 35th power sanction committee meeting held on 10/12/2020 and approved for the same is communicated by The Chief Engineer Electrical, P & C, KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru vide letter no. CEE(P&C)/SE(plg)/EEE(plg-N)/KCO-91/F-18965/2020-21/16/14546-50, Dt.: 11.01.2021.

Approval is accorded subject to the following conditions by KPTCL that the applicant shall construct 220kV SC line on DC towers for a distance of 30.0kms, using Drake conductor from their site to 220/66/11kV Badeladaku (Kudligi) substation, by establishing 220kV Terminal Bay, metering Cubicle with main meter & Check meter as per KPTCL specification at 220/66/11kV Badeladaku (Kudligi) substation under self execution scheme.

This notification is issued in the interest of General Public.

The above said 220kV line passes through survey Numbers of lands through the following village limits and the details are as below:

Sl. No.	Area Passing through	Revenue Survey Nos.
Hobli: Kudligi	Taluka: Kudligi	District: Vijayanagara
1	Badeladaku	121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 131, 134, 142, 143, 156, 157, 212, 217, 222, 227, 228, 234, 235, 241, 242, 243, 275, 276, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 295
2	Kudligi	244, 245, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 633, 634, 635, 638, 639, 819, 825, 826, 827, 828, 860, 864, 875, 876, 878, 879, 880, 887, 888, 889, 898, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 946, 947, 948, 949, 954, 955, 956, 958
3	Ammanakeri	236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242
4	Amaradevaragudda	169, 170, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 180, 182, 185, 188, 189, 190, 192, 193, 239, 240, 241, 243
5	Gundinahole	11, 12, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 82, 83, 110, 111, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 142, 143, 145
Hobli: Kudligi	Taluka: Kudligi	District: Vijayanagara
6	Hire Kereyaginahalli	165, 173, 177, 178, 179, 184, 185, 190, 191, 192, 196, 197, 203, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, 213, 214, 216, 536, 537, 539, 540
7	Sovenahalli	85, 86, 87, 89
8	Kalingeri	28, 32, 34, 35, 40, 41, 43, 46, 50, 218, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 240, 317, 330, 331, 334, 335, 337, 338, 339, 342, 346, 426, 427, 429, 430, 432, 433
9	Ankamanahalu	1, 2, 3, 48, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 107, 108, 109, 119, 120, 302
10	Somalapura	164, 165

Salient Features: 1. The establishment of steel plant will help in utilization of local resources which benefits by way of direct and indirect employment. **2.** It helps in generation of tax revenue which helps in local area development. **3.** Cost of scheme: Approximate **Rs. 2100.00 Lakhs.**

KPTCL, shall have and exercise all powers which the Telegraphs Authorities possess under part (III) of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, (13 of 1885) for implementation of the above said scheme. Any objectors regarding the above scheme shall be sent to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notification for KPTCL's pursuance.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer Elecl., Major Works Division, KPTCL, Ballari**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner: Smt. Akkayamma, W/o. Sri. B.S.Anjinappa, residing at Bagaluru Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land measuring 04 Acres 00Guntas in Sy.No.19/3 (Old Sy.No.19/1), situated at Kamenahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Property in Sy.No.20/1
West by : Property belongs to Smt. Shanthamma and Sri. Shivaprakash
North by : Property belongs to Sri. Armugam
South by : Property belongs to Sri. Anjinappa

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our client, Dr. Krishna T. Kumar has been unable to trace the original of the sale deed dated 16 February 2004 bearing Document No. BNG (U) - JNG6310/2003-04 Registered at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru. The said sale deed is in relation to his purchase of flat bearing no. H - 110, on the first floor of the building known as **"Sobha Opal"** situated at Municipal No. 1, 18th Main Road, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 041. All efforts to trace the sale deed have proved futile and it appears that the same may have been lost.

A complaint for loss of the said original sale deed has already been lodged with the Station House Officer, Jayanagar Police Station against which acknowledgement bearing no. 0246814/2022 has been issued.

If anybody is/ are in possession of the mentioned original sale deed or pursuant to holding such original sale deed has any claims, rights or liens with respect to the mentioned apartment premises or our client, Dr. Krishna T Kumar, you are notified to write to the undersigned including with the details of your claims, if any at the address mentioned below within 7 (seven) days of issue of this notice failing which, it will be deemed that the said original sale deed has been lost and claims (if any) have been consciously waived for all purposes and effects.

Date : 22-06-2022
Place : Bengaluru

Mridul Kumbalath
Partner
TRILEGAL
Advocates & Solicitors
Prestige Poseidon, 139 Residency Road
Bengaluru - 560 025.
Telephone No: 080 4343 4646

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN NO:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:CEE/BGKT/TRNS/SEE(O)/AEE-2/5720-27 Date:20.06.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites tender on Electronic mode for the following works Including Supply of equipments/materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on **Total Turnkey Basis.**

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-01/22-23/**VAJRAMATTI** for Replacement of 2x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformers by 2x20MVA, 110/11kV transformers at 110kV Vajramatti sub-station in Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkote District.

(Tender No.: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9392).

2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-02/22-23/**UTTUR** for Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV Uttur sub-station in Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkote District. (Tender No.: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9393).

3) Bid Enquiry No:KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-03/22-23/**RANNBELAGALI** for Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV Rannabelagali sub-station in Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkote District.

(Tender No.: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9394).

4) Bid Enquiry No:KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-04/22-23/**NIDAGUNDI** for Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV Nidagundi sub-station in B. Bagewadi Taluk, Bagalkote District. (Tender No.: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9395).

5) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-05/22-23/**MALGHAN** for Replacement of 1x10MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20 MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV Malaghan sub-station in B.Bagewadi Taluk, Vijayapura District. (Tender No.:KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9396).

6) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-06/22-23/**MATTIHAL** for Replacement of 1x10MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV Mattihal sub-station in B. Bagewadi Taluk, Vijayapura District. (Tender No.: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9397).

No.:CEE/BGKT/TRNS/SEE(O)/AE-2/5728-36 Date:20.06.2022

7) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-8/22-23/ **BHUTNAL** for Replacement of 1x10MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV BHUTNAL sub-station in Vijayapura Taluk & District. (Tender No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9401).

8) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-5/22-23/**INDI** for Replacement of 1x10 MVA, 110/11kV power transformer-I by 1x 20MVA, 110/11kV power transformer at INDI 110/33/11 kV sub-station in Indi Taluk, Vijayapura District.

(Tender No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9390).

9) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-7/22-23/**KULAGERI CROSS** for Replacement of 2x10 MVA, 110/11kV transformers by 2x 20MVA, 110/11kV transformers at 110kV KULAGERI CROSS sub-station in Badami Taluk, Bagalkote District.

(Tender No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9403).

10) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-10 /22-23/**VIJAYAPURA CITY** for Replacement of 2x10MVA,110/11kV transformers by 2x20MVA, 110/11kV transformers at 110kV VIJAYAPURA CITY sub-station in Vijayapura Taluk & District.

(Tender No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9402).

11) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-6/22-23/**SHIRABUR** for Replacement of 1X10MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1X20MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV SHIRABUR sub-station in Vijayapura Taluk & District.

(Tender No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9391).

12) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-9/22-23/**ZALAKI** for Replacement of 1x10MVA, 110/11kV transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/11kV transformer at 110kV Zalaki sub-station in Indi Taluk, Vijayapura District.

(Tender No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9404).

The tenders will be received through e-procurement mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL" or to **https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11:00 Hrs on 22.06.2022.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele.), Transmission Zone, KPTCL, 110KV Sub-station premises, Navanagara, Bagalakote-587103. Ph.: 08354-235692 Fax: 235690

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Date : 22-06-2022
Place : Bengaluru

Mridul Kumbalath
Partner
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Ph.: 22214121/22215122

FOR THE NOTICE OF CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS

Special General Body meeting at 4.30 pm and Annual General Body meeting at 5.30 pm will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Club premises.

Sd/-
E. G. Jaideep
Hon. Secretary

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUBHASHINI S, R/a #12, 15th Main Road, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore-560052 have changed my minor Son's name from Sujan Bharadwaj Shivakumar to Sujan Bharadwaj vide affidavit dt: 18.06.2022 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, B'lore.

I, Md. Fajlul Rahman, S/o Rajjak Ansari, R/o Vill. Sahraj, P.o. Jhiluwa, P.S-Govindpur, Dist. Dhanbad, State-Jharkhand, have changed my name from Fazarul Rahaman to Md. Fajlul Rahman, vide affidavit dt: 23.05.2022 sworn before Notary Anjani Sinha, Dhanbad.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE

CCH-22 Hg:08/07/2022
O.S. No. 25311/2019

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007
And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No.4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 ...Plaintiff

And
Shamasundar NK ...Defendant

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

To,
Shamasundar NK,
S/o. Nagappa, Aged about 34 years, R/a: No.33/1, Varalakshmi Nilaya, 9th Cross, Srigandhada Kaval, Magadi Main Road, Near Ganesh Upahar, Bangalore-560091 ...Defendant

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.2,93,028.44/- as on 04/10/2018** along with interest at **18% p.a.** and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore **[CCH 22]** in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on **18.07.2022** at **11 A.M.** Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this **15th** day of **June, 2022.**

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates, No.109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560052

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, DAPHNY VANDREYIK, R/at 407-A, Brigade Altamont, 6th Block, Bang 77, have changed my name from DAPHNY FERNANDEZ to DAPHNY VANDREYIK, for all future purposes by affidavit 20/06/2022 sworn before the notary B Seshagiri, Bang -43

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXI ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-14) AT BANGALORE ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 7328 OF 2019

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 & having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., No. 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 and represented by its POA holder and Collection Manager Mr. Pramodh G. S/o. Gurumallappa, Age: 44 Years.
...PLAINTIFF

AND:
Mr. Surendra Vemana
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of Paper Publication

To,
Defendants:
Mr. Surendra Vemana,
Aged about 37 years,
Son of Somaiah Verma,
R/at. # 2 C7, Sandesh Alta Vista Apat, Near D Mart Backside, Veerasandra, Electronic City Phase 1, Bangalore- 560 100.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.16,96,270/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH- 14) in person or by a pleader on the **01st Day of August 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **13th day** of **June 2022.**

By Order of the Court,
Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengalore.

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M. KUSHALAPPA, Advocates, No.4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

Only two in 10 people know name of last Mayor: Survey

Fact sheet

Only two out of 10 people know the name of the city's last Mayor

22% approached the MLA for grievance redressal, 8% the MP, and only 12% the councillor

88% of them never met a councillor

More than half of Bengaluru voters do not recognise wards as the basic unit of governance

87% of them not aware of ward committees

95% of them never attended a ward committee meeting

Interest in civic polls

86% of first-time BBMP voters strongly expressed the intention to cast their vote in the upcoming elections

88% first-time voters believe strong local governance and a strong BBMP is the key to a better future of the city

79% of city's youth and first-time voters are concerned with the impact of climate change

87% of Bengaluru voters believe a strong councillor would ensure better services and improvement in infrastructure in their wards

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Ahead of civic polls in the city, only two in 10 people know the name of the last Mayor: Gautam Kumar, who demitted office in 2020. Elections to the civic body haven't been held since then.

A survey by the Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy also revealed a majority of them approached MLAs and MPs, but only 12% approached a councillor for grievance redressal and 88% of the respondents had never met a city councillor.

The survey also revealed more than half of the voters (52%) do not recognise wards as the basic unit of governance, while 87% of the respondents are not aware of ward committees.

However, the survey also revealed a contradictory picture that though many lack awareness and connect with civic governance, first-time voters evince a keen interest to engage with civic polls.

Among the first-time voters surveyed, 86% of them strongly expressed their intention to cast their vote in the upcoming civic polls and 88% of them believe strong local governance is the key to a better future of the city.

Further, 79% of the city's youths are concerned with the impact of climate change on the city, and an overall 89% of the respondents are concerned with environmental issues, including soaring temperatures and unseasonal rains.

"The results show that very few understand the role of BBMP, ward councillors, and ward committees, but are keen to vote and want civic polls to be conducted on the basis of everyday issues that affect them. To improve our city, the institution of local governance must be strengthened, beginning with participating in local elections," said Srinivas Alavilli, Head, Civic Participation, Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy.

He also added that the survey results would be submitted to all political parties in the fray for the civic polls, to help them present a compelling vision to seek votes.

Widening of NH 48 stretch to eliminate 13 accident black spots

In the last three years, 797 road mishaps reported on the 45-km stretch

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

In 2016, a young man, Harish, was cut in half after a truck ran over his bike at Thippagondanahalli on Tumakuru Road. He succumbed to his injuries after 20 minutes of the accident. Knowing that he would not survive, he had asked ambulance staff to inform doctors that his organs should be donated.

This selfless service of Harish had also forced the then Congress government to introduce 'Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana,' providing cashless treatment in the crucial hours after an accident.

Now, after a gap of over six years, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to eliminate 13 black spots that include Thippagondanahalli located between Nelamangala and Tumakuru of NH48.

The NHAI is widening the road to six lanes for a stretch of 45 km, building service roads, flyovers, underpasses, and a bypass at Tumakuru. The project will cost ₹2,032 crore.

On Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for the project along with other highway projects of the NHAI that are going to be built on the outskirts of the city connecting satellite towns.

The move helps in decongesting the traffic on Tumakuru Road that connects Bengaluru with the districts located in the middle and the northern parts of the State. The existing infrastructure of four lanes is not sufficient to accommodate the growing traffic.

Every day, thousands of heavy trucks and buses use the road to reach various parts of the city. The police say that heavy congestion on the road and presence of black spots are resulting in accidents. They say that most victims of the accidents on this stretch are pedestrians and bikers.

In the last three years, 797 accidents were reported on the stretch, claiming 185 victims. Other than Thippagondanahalli, 12 more black spots were identified, such as Kuluvanahalli, Yedehalli, Chikkahalli, and Hirehalli.

A senior official of the NHAI said, "Widening of the existing main lanes from four to six lanes and construction of service roads will help in decongesting traffic. Elimination of black spots is also very crucial to bring down the accident rate, thereby reducing fatalities. An important feature of the project is that 45 km will be controlled. The project also proposes the construction of a flyover at points such as Kyathasandra".

A senior police official of Nelamangala said that the existing infrastructural constraints do not allow smooth flow of traffic on the main lanes. "At present, road accidents are happening at the U-turn points or to pedestrians crossing the roads. When repeated accidents or fatalities happen, black spots are identified. The authorities concerned will be approached to fix engineering faults, putting up signboards, and others. The proposed widening will help in decongesting the road. At the same time, the NHAI should also take up measures to build FoBs wherever required for crossing the road," the official added.

The NHAI is widening the road to six lanes, building service roads, flyovers, underpasses etc. • SUCHITH KIDIYOOR

Number of accidents and fatalities reported in the last three years

Year	Number of accidents	Fatalities
2019-20	332	76
2020-21	268	66
2021-22	197	43
Total	797	185

Names of black spots that are going to be eliminated

- Kuluvanahalli
- Kyatsandra NH 48 circle
- Manchalkal Kuppe
- Rayarapalya
- Thippagondanahalli
- T. Begur- 1
- T. Begur- 2
- Yedehalli
- Kengalkempohalli
- Bhubhihal Gate
- T. Begur-3
- Hirehalli
- Chikkahalli
- Nelamanagala to Tumakur, including Tumakuru bypass section

IKEA to open flagship store at Nagasandra today

It would display over 7,500 items and employ over 1,000 people to start with

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

IKEA, the Swedish home furnishing brand, will open its largest store in India at Nagasandra, next to the metro station, on Wednesday, said the company on Tuesday.

The store that would display over 7,500 items and employ over 1,000 people to start with is expected to attract close to 5 million visitors this year.

The company also said it would invest ₹3,000 crore in Karnataka and a part of it has already been deployed in setting up a 4,60,000 sqft store, it said.

Speaking at a media conference, former IKEA India CEO Peter Betzel said that at the time of the groundbreaking ceremony four years ago, the then Chief Minister himself was keen to see the store up and running at the earliest if possible in a few months. Although the pandemic had delayed it a bit, the outlet was worth the wait as it was IKEA's flagship store in the country, he added.

Addressing the media, current CEO Susanne Pulverer said India was an omni-channel country for Ikea like no other.

"Over 8 lakh customers are visiting our site every month in Bengaluru alone. This has already given us a good foundation before we started our offline presence in the city," she said.

"We want to keep a good mix of 30:70 between online and offline sales. We are also seeing a desire among people to come back to the real world," she added.

Parineeta Cecil Lakra, Country People & Culture Manager at IKEA India, said that by 2030, IKEA would have an employee base of 10,000 in the country.

She said the company hired people based on values and culture and diversity was a key focus. Some 57% of IKEA managers in India were women.

Vinaya Rai, People & Culture Manager at IKEA Nagasandra, said the store was also hiring students and women after sabbatical on part-time and full-time engagements.

"Some 70% of the workforce in the store are local and we aim to recruit more. Also, 60% of employees and full-time and the rest are part-timers," she said.

IKEA Nagasandra, set up on a patch of 12.2 acres of land, is the brand's third large store in the country after Hyderabad and Mumbai.

The fourth store, in Delhi-NCR, is currently under construction. The store also features a 1,000-seater restaurant that serves both Indian and Swedish cuisines.

Water adalat

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold a water adalat on Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at its various sub-divisions.

People can contact the 24x7 helpline 1916 for any issues.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Original Sale Deed 06.06.2011 registered **document No. 1946/2011-12 of Book-I, CD.No.VRTD115** in the office of the Sub-Registrar Varthur Bangalore in respect of Northern Portion of Site No. 184, Situated at **Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore** has been lost. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Sale Deed. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **12 days** from this present.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560078.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my Client has lost the original Sale Deed dated 20.06.2007 vide Doc. No. 1487/2007-08 pertaining to the survey No. 7/2 measuring about 1 Acre 12 Guntas situated at Manchenahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore rural District.
Further to this a Police complaint has been registered with Lost Report No. 0249163, Dated: 20.06.2022
If any person/s is / are in possession of the aforesaid original Deeds, she / he / they shall return the same to the undersigned.

Shilpa Shree S.P., Advocate,
122, SVS Patels Callisto,
Talacauvery Layout, Bytarayanapura,
Bangalore - 560 092. Ph: 7619248041
Place: Bangalore
Dated: 21.06.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my client **Raju Barkakoty s/o Robin Barkakoty** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein from **M/s Cumins Realm LLP** (hereinafter builder/seller/s). The builder/seller represents and warrant that it is the absolute owner of the schedule property and that it has not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU or any sort of agreement with any other person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the builder/seller further represents and warrants that it has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from it no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Flat No.122 (2 BHK), on Second Floor, in **"Cumins Realm"** measuring 872 sqft of carpet area and 1130 of SBA with 561 sqft UDS, constructed on Sy no.2/7 old no.2/3, measuring 20 guntas, conversion no. B.Dis:ALN:SR(E):69/2004-05, situated at **Somathammanahalli Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore east Tq, Bangalore Dist,**

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere
Main Road, Ramamurthynagar
Bengaluru-560016 M : 09900056401
Bengaluru Date : 22-05-2022

Rail Wheel Plant,Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar 841221

E-Tender Notice No: 03(RWP/Engg./2022-23/WT/Open) Date: -16/06/2022 The Dy CE/RWP/Bela for and on behalf of the President of India, invites Online "e-Open Tender" through Indian Railways E-Procurment Portal (IREPS) www.ireps.gov.in for the following works as detailed **1. Name of the work and Location Approximate cost Earnest money and Completion period of the work: Tender No.-** 11_RWP_Engg_22_23_WT_Open **Name of Work:-** Provision of extension of Polyclinic 1st floor at Rail Wheel Plant Bela in district Saran (Chhapra) **Approximate cost:** Rs. 60,14,534/- **Tender form Cost:-** Nil **Earnest money:** Rs.1,20,300/- **Completion period of the work:** - 08 Months **Tender No.-** 12_RWP_Engg_22_23_WT_ Open **Name of Work:-** Balance work of "Additional Wheel Stocking area near East Side of Parking shed at RWP/Bela". **Approximate cost-** Rs.92,71,053/- **Tender form Cost-** Nil **Earnest money:** Rs.1,61,400/- **Completion period of the work:** 08 Months **Tender No.-** 13_RWP_Engg_22_23_WT_ Open **Name of Work:-** Balance work of "Provision of wire fencing with gates around SPC Bay and changing of damaged AC sheet to check rain in POL ward, Rejection ward, ward no-4 & TRS, repair to damaged drain in dirt floor area and column between XB/17 to XB/27 in rail shop at RWP/Bela." **Approximate cost Rs.52,22,457/- Tender form Cost-** Nil **Earnest money:** Rs.1,04,500/- **Completion period of the work:** 07 Months **Tender No.** 14_RWP_Engg_22_23_WT_Open **Name of Work:-** Repair to damage irregular floor surface of JMP & SPG area with provision of MS plate over concrete floor to keep the surface flushed to one level in WFPS & mould at RWP/Bela. **Approximate cost Rs.77,34,985/- Tender form Cost:** Nil **Earnest money:** Rs 1,54,700/- **Completion period of the work:** 06 Months. **Tender No -** 15_RWP_Engg_22_23_WT_Open **Name of Work:-** Periodical painting of steel structure work from XA/16-XA/34 from JMP to Melt Shop of main plant at RWP/Bela **Approximate cost:** Rs.50,29,900/- **Tender form Cost-** Nil **Earnest money-** Rs.1,00,600/- **Completion period of the work -** 04 Months **Tender No.-** 16_RWP_Engg_22_23_WT_Open **Name of Work:-** Urgent repair of broken railing from EAF "C" to LPH barricading N.F. stair, LVBD-2, East side VLT-19 & 20, power pack at DF charging end near wheel loading station in WFPS and arrangement of bina to ensure clean riser and clean scrap used as furnace charge and other misc. work in main plant at RWP/Bela. **Approximate cost:** Rs.58,22,577/- **Tender form Cost-** Nil **Earnest money:** Rs.1,16,500/-**Completion period of the work:** 08 Months **2. Tender closing date and time:** 20.07.2022 upto 12.30 Hrs. **3. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be obtained and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc:** The above tender can be submitted only by the date and time as mentioned in the notice. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit Portal (IREPS) www.ireps.gov.in. The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS Portal (www.ireps.gov.in) for updates including Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such any notice/information concerned that shall be published in newspaper.

Dy. Chief Engineer, Rail Wheel Plant, Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT./2022-23/28

Government of Karnataka
Department of Collegiate and Technical Education
NO. 1, Unnatha Shikshana Soudha, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore – 560 001 Phone: 080 29701510, email: dce.tender2017@gmail.com

No.: DCE/RUSA/GEN/68/2021/RUSA- (Computer No. 611450) **Date: 21.06.2022**

E-Tender Notification

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following tenders:

1) "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Desktops, Laptops, Printers, UPS and 15 KVA DG sets to RUSA Phase -1 Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education" **(Tender Number: DCE/2021-22/IND1061/CALL-3 Date: 20/06/2022)**

2) "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Desktops, Laptops and Printers to RUSA Phase 2.0 Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education" **(Tender Number: DCE/2021-22/IND1062/CALL-3 Date: 20/06/2022)**

3) "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Desktops, Laptops, Printers and UPS to Mandya Cluster University" **(Tender Number: DCE/2021-22/IND1065/CALL-3 Date: 20/06/2022)**

4) "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Desktops, Laptops, Printers and UPS to Maharani Cluster University" **(Tender Number: DCE/2021-22/IND1066/CALL-3 Date: 20/06/2022)**

5) "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Science Lab Equipments to Mandya Unitary University under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education" **(Tender Number: DCE/2022-23/IND1108 Date: 20/06/2022)**

6) "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Science Lab Equipments to Maharani Cluster University under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education" **(Tender Number: DCE/2022-23/IND1109 Date: 20/06/2022)**

7) "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Science Lab Equipments to RUSA Phase -1 & Phase-2 Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education" **(Tender Number: DCE/2022-23/IND1110 Date: 20/06/2022)**

The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal	Date and time for opening of Technical bids on eProcurement Portal
1.	**Tender No: DCE/2021-22/IND1061/CALL-3** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Desktops, Laptops, Printers, UPS and 15 KVA DG sets to RUSA Phase -1 Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	20.06.2022	23.06.2022 11.00 AM	20.07.2022 05.00 PM	22.07.2022
2.	**Tender No: DCE/2021-22/IND1062/CALL-3** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Desktops, Laptops and Printers to RUSA Phase 2.0 Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	20.06.2022	23.06.2022 11.00 AM	20.07.2022 05.00 PM	22.07.2022
3.	**Tender No: DCE/2021-22/IND1065/CALL-3** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Desktops, Laptops, Printers and UPS to Mandya Cluster University"	20.06.2022	23.06.2022 11.00 AM	20.07.2022 05.00 PM	22.07.2022
4.	**Tender No: DCE/2021-22/IND1066/CALL-3** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Desktops, Laptops, Printers and UPS to Maharani Cluster University"	20.06.2022	23.06.2022 11.00 AM	20.07.2022 05.00 PM	22.07.2022
5.	**Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND1108** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Science Lab Equipments to Mandya Unitary University under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	20.06.2022	24.06.2022 11.00 AM	20.07.2022 05.00 PM	22.07.2022
6.	**Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND1109** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Science Lab Equipments to Maharani Cluster University under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	20.06.2022	24.06.2022 11.00 AM	20.07.2022 05.00 PM	22.07.2022
7.	**Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND1110** "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Science Lab Equipments to RUSA Phase -1 & Phase-2 Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	20.06.2022	24.06.2022 11.00 AM	20.07.2022 05.00 PM	22.07.2022

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Sd/-
Director of Collegiate Education
Bangalore, Karnataka

DIPR/CP/1010/Zenkar/2022-23

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
O&M Circle, Shakthi Soudha, Bondel, Mangaluru-575 015
Tel: 0824-2443549/2444915, CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

NO: SEE/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/2017-18 DATE : 18.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Portal Only)

Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/MNG/ EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/2017 DATE: 18.06.2022

Tenders are invited from registered Class-1/Supergrade Electrical Contractors for the work "Maintenance of 33KV OH/UG Cable Lines in the jurisdiction of Bantwala Division of MESCOM.

The detailed tender notification information can be obtained by logging on to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after 21.06.2022 Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele.), O&M Circle, Mangaluru

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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 20-06-2022

ಅರಣ್ಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಮರು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್

ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕೆಲಸಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳ ವಿತರಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 27-06-2022 ರಂದು 29-06-2022ರ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 1.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 29-06-2022 ರಂದು 3.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 29-06-2022 ರಂದು 3.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳ ಬೆಲೆ ರೂ. 500/- ಪ್ರತಿ ಫಾರಂಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಜಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಇತರೆ ತೆರಿಗೆಗಳು. ಒಂದು ಮೇಳೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕವು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ರಜೆಯೆಂದು ಘೋಷಿತವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಾರದೇ ಅಥವಾ ಬರುಗದೇ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 30-06-2022ರಂದು ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಯಾರೂ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಿರಸ್ಕೃತಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕೆಲಸದ ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ: ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ / ಗುಂಡ್ಲುಪೇಟೆ / ಕೊಳ್ಳೇಗಾಲ / ಯಳಂದೂರು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಲಯಗಳ ವಿವಿಧ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಯೋಜನೆ, ನಗರ ಹಸಿರೀಕರಣ, ರಸ್ತೆಬದು ನೆಡುತೋಪು, ಫ್ಲೆಕ್ಷಿಫಂಡ್ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಡಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಾದ 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮಳೆಗಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಡುತೋಪು ಬೆಳೆಸಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ಗುಂಡಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಿತ ಮಾಡಿ ಮಣ್ಣನ್ನು ಸಡಿಲಿಸುವುದು. ಗುಂಡಿಗಳ ಸುತ್ತ ಇರುವ ಹುಲ್ಲು, ಗಿಡಗಂಟಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿದು ನಯ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ಬೆಂಕಿ ರೇಖೆ ರಚಿಸುವುದು. ನೆಡುತೋಪಿಗೆ ಕಾವಲುಗಾರರ ನೇಮಕವನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು. ಗಿಡಗಳಿಗೆ ಮುಳ್ಳು ಕಟ್ಟುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಅಚುಕಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವುದು. ಸಸ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಸಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುವುದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಮುಂಗಡ ಗುಂಡಿ ತೆಗೆಯುವುದು. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಉಳಿಕೆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾಲ್ಕು ವಲಯಗಳ ಒಟ್ಟು 108 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಲಯ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 242.007 ಲಕ್ಷ. ಇಂಡಿ 6.050 ಲಕ್ಷ. ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇಎಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಳ ಸಹಿದಾರರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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(ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮೇಲ್ವಿಚಾರಣಾ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕೆಬಿಜೆಎನ್‌ಎಲ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ರೋಡ ಬ್ರಿಡ್ಜ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ (KPWD Class-I & above) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಮೊಹರಾದ ಶೇಕಡವಾರು ದರದ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಕರೆಯಿಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು Two Cover System **ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ:KNNL/2021-22/BR/WORK_INDENT 32475/CALL-2,** ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. **1)** ಈ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ.149.88** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. **2)** ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ.1,50,000/-** ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. **3)** ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂರ್ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**22.06.2022** ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11.00** ಘಂಟೆಯ **4)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಕ್ಸೆಪ್ಟೆನ್ಸ್‌ಗಳಾಗಿ ನಿಗದಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**23.06.2022** ಸಂಜೆ **5.00** ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. **5)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **27.06.2022** ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. **6)** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **29.06.2022** ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11.00** ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ. **7)** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗೆ ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆದ ನಂತರ. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ/ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳು/ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ/ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **08425-275228** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The absurdity of the anti-defection law

It has reduced legislators to being accountable primarily to the party and failed to preserve the stability of governments

M.R. MADHAVAN

In light of the events unfolding in Maharashtra, with the Uddhav Thackeray government facing internal dissent from a block of 22 MLAs led by Eknath Shinde, the anti-defection law has again come into the spotlight. In this article dated February 26, 2021, M.R. Madhavan explains how the law is antithetical to the representative purpose of elected government servants.

The events in Puducherry highlight, yet again, the absurdity of the anti-defection law. In what has now become the standard operating procedure, several MLAs from the treasury benches resigned, lowering the numbers required for a no-confidence motion to succeed. This formula has been seen recently in other States such as Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.

The anti-defection law was included in the Constitution as the Tenth Schedule in 1985 to combat the "evil of political defections". The main purpose was to preserve the stability of governments and insulate them from defections of legislators from the treasury benches. The law stated that any Member of Parliament (MP) or that of a State legislature (MLA) would be disqualified from their office if they voted on any motion contrary to the directions issued by their party.

Range of the provision

The provision was not limited to confidence motions or money bills (which are quasi-confidence motions). It applies to all votes in the House, on every Bill and every other issue. It even applies to the Rajya Sabha and Legislative Councils, which have no say in the stability of the government. Therefore, an MP (or MLA) has absolutely no freedom to vote their judgement on any issue. They have to blindly follow the direction of the party. This provision goes against the concept of representative democracy.

There are two broadly accepted roles of a representative such as an MP in a democracy. One is that they are agents of the voters and are expected to vote according to the wishes and for the benefits of their constituents. The other is that their duty to their constituents is to exercise their judgement on various issues towards the broader public interest. In this, they deliberate with other MPs and find a reasonable way through complex issues. The anti-defection law turns the concept of a representative on its head. It makes the MP neither a delegate of the constituency nor a national legislator but converts them to be just an agent of the party.

A broken chain in India

Look at the contrast with other democracies. For example, in the recent vote on the impeachment of former U.S. President Donald Trump, seven members from his party in the U.S. Senate, the Republicans, voted to convict him. Such a decision does not have any legal repercussion. Of course, the party may take action (it did not). Also, voters may decide to reject the legislator for re-election – and that is the core design element of representative democracy. The legislator is accountable to voters, and the government is accountable to legislators.

The problem arises from the attempt to find a legal solution to what is essentially a political problem

In India, this chain of accountability has been broken by making legislators accountable primarily to the party. This means that anyone from the party having a majority in the legislature – which is, by definition, the party forming the government – is unable to hold the government to account. Further, all legislators have a ready explanation for their voting behaviour: they had to follow the party's direction. This negates the concept of them having to justify their positions on various issues to the people who elected them to the post.

Eroding legislatures

An important consequence of the anti-defection law is the hollowing out of our legislatures. If an MP has no freedom to take decisions on policy and legislative proposals, what would be the incentive to put in the effort to understand the different policy choices and their outcomes? The core role of an MP to examine and decide on policy, Bills and budgets is side-lined. Instead, the MP becomes just another number to be tallied by the party on any vote that it supports or opposes.

The framers of our Constitution did not intend this outcome. While introducing the draft Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar outlined the differences between the presidential and parliamentary forms of government. He said that the presidential form (such as in the United States) had higher stability but lower accountability as the President is elected for four years, and cannot be removed except for proven misdemeanour. In the parliamentary form, the government is accountable on a daily basis through questions and motions, and can be removed any time it loses the support of the majority of members of the Lok Sabha.

The drafting committee believed that India needed a government that was accountable, even at the cost of stability. The anti-defection bill weakens the accountability mechanism.

Inducing instability

What is more, it does not even provide stability. The political system has found ways to topple governments. This includes the methods used in Puducherry this week – of reducing the total membership through resignations. The Constitution was amended to ensure that any person disqualified for defecting cannot get a ministerial position unless they are re-elected; the way around this has been to resign rather than vote against the party. In other instances, the Speaker – usually from the ruling party – has delayed taking a decision on the disqualification. This has led to strange situations such as members who continue to be part of the main Opposition party becoming Ministers (Andhra Pradesh in the term of the last Assembly). The Supreme Court has tried to plug this by ruling that the Speaker has to take the decision in three months, but it is not clear what would happen if a Speaker does not do so. The premise that the anti-defection law is needed to punish legislators who betray the mandate given by the voters also seems to be flawed. If voters believe that they have been betrayed by the defectors, they can vote them out in the next election. However, we have seen many of the defectors in States such as Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh being re-elected in the by-polls, which were held due to their disqualification.

Onus is on parties

The problem arises from the attempt to find a legal solution to what is essentially a political problem.

If stability of government is an issue due to people defecting from their parties, the answer is for parties to strengthen their internal systems. If they attract members on the basis of ideology, and they have systems for people to rise within the party hierarchy on their capabilities (rather than inheritance), there would be a greater exit barrier. These characteristics seem absent in many of the political parties, and we have seen a large number of defections despite the anti-defection law.

To sum up, the anti-defection law has been detrimental to the functioning of our legislatures as deliberative bodies which hold the executive to account on behalf of citizens. It has turned them into fora to endorse the decision of the government on Bills and budgets. And it has not even done the job of preserving the stability of governments. The Tenth Schedule to the Constitution must be repealed.

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THE GIST

- The anti-defection law was included in the Constitution to combat the "evil of political defections". The main purpose was to preserve the stability of governments. The law stated that any MP or MLA would be disqualified from their office if they voted on any motion contrary to the directions issued by their party.
- This means that anyone from the party having a majority in the legislature is unable to hold the government to account. All legislators will then have a ready explanation for their voting behaviour: they had to follow the party's direction. This negates the concept of them having to justify their positions on various issues to the people who elected them to the post.
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THE DAILY QUIZ

Since the Agnipath initiative is in the limelight, a quiz on the three Services in India

1. Which date is celebrated as Army Day and why?
2. Who is the present Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces?
3. What is the motto of the Indian Navy?
4. Which 'elite' regiment's badge comprises the Ashoka borne aloft on an open parachute supported by crossed lances and held together by its title?
5. One of the world's fastest operational cruise missiles, used by the Indian armed forces, is a portmanteau formed from the names of two water bodies. Name the missile and the water bodies.
6. Fill in the blanks in this quote attributed to Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw: "If anyone tells you he is never afraid, he is a liar or he is a ____".
7. Where are the headquarters of the Indian Army's Northern and Western Commands?

Identity this person. He is the only person to receive which rank?

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The word used to describe the moment when the Sun crosses the Earth's equator. **Ans: Equinox**
2. The highest mountain on or adjacent to the Tropic of Cancer. **Ans: Yu Shan in Taiwan**
3. The cycles which describe the collective effects of changes in the Earth's movements on its climate over thousands of years. **Ans: Milankovitch cycles**
4. The continents through which the Tropic of Capricorn passes. **Ans: Australia, Africa, South America**
5. The two States through which the Mahi river crosses the Tropic of Cancer. **Ans: Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat**
6. The natural light display in the Earth's sky. **Ans: Aurora, named after the Roman goddess of dawn**
7. The point on the Earth's surface where the prime meridian and the equator intersect. **Ans: Null Island**
8. The full form of GMT. **Ans: Greenwich Mean Time**
Visual: This place is associated with this phenomenon. **Ans: Newgrange, Winter Solstice**

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Music and memories

As June 20 was World Music Day, books on musicians must also be celebrated

SUDIPTA DATTA

Amit Chaudhuri was content with singing songs on his guitar till he heard Govind Prasad Jaipurwale and was struck by his beautiful voice as he went through bhajans and devotionals his mother wanted to learn. "He was a great voice to listen to - the tone of his voice, and a mastery that made you believe that he could do anything with it he chose to. He sang softly, without insistence, and almost never sang the same phrase twice. His aim, achieved with modesty, was to surprise and be surprised," Chaudhuri writes in his book, *Finding the Raga*, a memoir about music and relationships. Chaudhuri wanted to do what he was doing, and thus began a long journey in Indian classical music. Along the way, his writing career took off with *A Strange and Sublime Address* and a host of other fiction and non-fiction.

In search of bliss

Chaudhuri would soon listen to Bhimsen Joshi. As he began to "explore, in passionate detail, the notes of a thumri," Chaudhuri felt the urge to replicate what he had heard, which seemed near-impossible. "Each encounter – Kishori Amonkar; Bhimsen Joshi; the singer Balgandharva – was a jolt." Years later he would ask Amonkar what was she searching for in her music. She said she was looking for ananda (bliss or joy), and share it with her listeners and everybody else. In his book, Chaudhuri traces the history of the khayal (Arabic for 'imagination'; and 'thought', 'idea', 'whim' in Urdu) which entered the Mughal court reign of King Jahangir via qawwali singers of the Sufi sect; and how khayal is a development on an earlier form called the dhrupad.

Like Chaudhuri, Namita Devidayal's *The Music Room* also begins on a personal note on how her mother dragged a reluctant 10-year-old for music lessons with Dhondutai in Bombay who had trained with the legendary Kesarbai Kerkar. In her first lesson, Dhondutai asked her to close her eyes and listen to the singer's "loyal accompanist", the tanpura. As four notes were played over and over again, Devidayal felt that it created a "constant murmur of serenity." Her teacher made her sing just one note, sa, the foundation, the first and last note, the point at which the circle begins and ends, till the sound of her sa matched the tanpura's. "Sa encompasses all the notes, just as pure white light contains all the colours of the rainbow," Dhondutai told the little student.

Musicians live a life dedicated to their art, and one of the most cherished practitioners of the craft is M.S. Subbulakshmi. In his masterful biography, *Of Gifted Voice*, Keshav Desiraju writes in the preface that she was a classical musician of the highest order, and "it is as such that her life's work must be assessed." Apart from the portrayal of the genius of M.S. Subbulakshmi, Desiraju profiles Carnatic music in all its richness, as also the social and political milieu that prevailed during her long stint. Devidayal's biography of sitar maestro Vilayat Khan (*The Sixth String of Vilayat Khan*) is a rich addition to literature on Hindustani classical musicians.

Layering of music

In a diverse country like India, musical strands are also bound to be layered. As Desiraju writes, "It is commonplace today for the Hindustani and Carnatic systems of music to be regarded as the 'classical' music of north and south India; what is undeniable is that two different traditions grew, not all at once, and over a long period, but deriving from the same base material." Both, for instance, are based on raga, but the ragas are "handled differently."

Many more biographies or autobiographies need to be written on and by Indian music greats. In rock music for example, Bob Dylan set the bar high in the first part of his memoirs, *Chronicles* (2004), where he talks about his early years, his writing block (just before penning the 'Oh Mercy' album) and his influences. A second book, on the American music tradition, *The Philosophy of Modern Song*, is due for release this November.

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Degree admissions pick up; more takers for Commerce

Along with regular BCom courses, students are now asking for an integrated curriculum that also trains them to take up CA examinations

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With employment opportunities galore for Commerce and Management graduates this year too, those seeking admissions for undergraduate degree courses are preferring Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) and Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) the most. Though Humanities courses continue to receive limited admissions, Science combinations, which include Data Science, Computer Application, and Cyber Security, have been in great demand this admission season.

Along with regular BCom courses, students are now asking for an integrated curriculum which also trains them to take up chartered accountant (CA) examinations. "We have seen a lot of demand for BCom in general and BCom Integrated courses. Our journalism course has garnered a lot of enquiries," said a faculty member of Jyoti Nivas College. Puttaraj P., principal, BMS College for Women, added that apart from regular demand for BCom, this year, Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) admissions have also increased.

Why the demand?

Education experts say students today do not want to depend on their parents for too long and are looking for job opportunities as soon as they graduate. They say that even with basic knowledge of accounting, it is easy to find a job in a city like Bengaluru.

"Today, most students are not knowledge-seeking, but job seeking. Many of our students actually work part time and study. Those who study BCom and BBA, learn subjects like accounting, taxation, statistics and computer science, which are essential to land jobs at MNCs. At our college, if we get thousand admissions for commerce, we only get 200 for Humanities," said H. Prakash, Principal, Maharani College.

Explaining the demand for Data Science and other related courses, Thimme Gowda, vice-president, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, said, "For every course, job opportunity is the criteria. Data science, Artificial Intelligence, and other technological fields are the need of the hour. When NEP is implemented in full swing and more integrated courses are introduced, the demand for Commerce might decrease. Educational institutions should now start supplying human resources for locally relevant courses," he added.

Increase in admissions

Most colleges have reported an increase in the number of students getting admitted to degree courses this year. At RV University, there has been a drastic increase in admissions, according to Titto Anthony Adam, Assistant Director, Admissions and Outreach. "We have seen a four-fold increase in our admissions as we started the process very early. Most people are inclined towards BTech, BBA, and other related programmes. In Humanities, there is more demand for Psychology courses," he mentioned.

A stretch in time

Eight edition of International Day of Yoga was celebrated across Karnataka on Tuesday

Participants taking part in a mass yoga event to mark the International Day of Yoga in front of Bangalore Palace in Bengaluru on Tuesday. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

Mega event: (Clockwise from top left) Inmates of Central Prison in Bengaluru performing yoga; State-level yoga awardees Atharva Savanur and Daksha Bevinamarad presenting a Yoga Bharatnatyam dance performance in front of Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi; Ministers Halappa Achar and Shankar Patil Munenakoppa performing yogasanas on Amruteshwar Temple premises in Annigeri of Dharwad district; people participating in the International Yoga Day celebrations organised by the Bagalkot district administration at Pattadakal; Navy personnel and crew perform yoga onboard INS Vikramaditya in Karwar on International Day of Yoga 2022 on Tuesday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, P.K. BADIGER, KIRAN BAKALE, PTI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The eighth edition of the International Day of Yoga was celebrated across Karnataka on Tuesday, after a two-year break owing to the pandemic, with the lead event in Mysuru being led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. While the event in Mysuru was in front of the iconic palace, there were demonstrations held in other historic locations too, such as Hampi and Srirangapatna, Pattadakal, and Gol Gumbaz.

In Bengaluru too, a number of events were organised to mark the day. The High Court of Karnataka and the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, in association with the advocate's association, organised 'Yoga for Humanity'. The Central Reserve Police, Bengaluru, had organised a demonstration with Tejasvi Surya, MP, and Rajesh Khurana, Inspector-General of Police, Karnataka and Kerala CRPF, Bengaluru, at Lalbagh, while the Bangalore University held the celebration on its Jnanabharathi campus.

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'Yogic energy giving direction to global health'

Mr. Modi said, yoga was becoming "a basis for global cooperation." "The practices of yoga are giving wonderful inspiration for health, balance and cooperation," he said. Yoga, Mr. Modi pointed out, had now come out of households and spread all over the world, which was a "picture of spiritual realisation, and that of natural and shared human consciousness, especially in the last two years of unprecedented pandemic."

Yoga, the PM said, need not be limited to a particular time and location. "No matter how stressful we are, a few minutes of meditation relaxes us and increases our productivity. Therefore, we do not have to take yoga as an extra work."

"We have to know yoga and we also have to live yoga. When we start living yoga, Yoga Day will become a medium for usto celebrate our health, happiness and peace," he said.

Fraudsters pose as HC judge, Tax Commissioner to run gift card scam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Fraudsters were found to be using the names of a High Court judge and the Chief Principal Commissioner of Central Tax to run an Amazon gift card scam.

High Court Registrar (Administration) M.C. Chandrashekhar Reddy, on behalf of HC Judge B. Veerappa, filed a complaint with the Central Cybercrime Police asking them to track the conman who, posing as the judge, was trying to cheat people by offering gift card vouchers .

Based on the complaint, the police have registered an FIR against the unknown person on Saturday charging him under Section 66C (fraudulently or dishonestly make use of the electronic signature, password or any other unique identification feature of any other person) of the IT Act and efforts are on to trace him.

The incident came to light when the accused, using his mobile with the display picture (DP) of the judge, sent a message to the number of the Assistant Secretary of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority asking him to buy the gift vouchers. He brought it to the notice of the authorities concerned. The police are now trying to track down the accused through his mobile number.

In a similar incident, Aishvarya Goel, from the office of the Principal Chief Commissioner, Central Tax, GST, filed a complaint with the East Division Cybercrime Police recently that an unknown person created a fake WhatsApp account using the details of the Principal Chief Commissioner, Ranjana Jha, and has been sending messages to officials of the Central Tax Office asking them to buy Amazon gift coupons.

Earlier, in June this year, a conman copied the name and photograph of Chandrashekhar Kambar, Jnanpith awardee and president of Sahitya Akademi, to send messages to his friends using a mobile number.

The accused was asking for financial help from Mr. Kambar's friends and also asking them to buy Amazon gift vouchers. The South Cybercrime Police are probing this case.

The Hindu Education Plus Career Counselling in State from June 25

20th edition of the event to be held at 10 locations in 9 cities

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The 20th edition of The Hindu Education Plus Career Counselling 2022 Karnataka will be held at 10 locations in nine cities in June and July. The event will cover educational topics like CET, COMEDK, NEET, general education (offbeat courses), Law, Pure Science, Arts, Science & Commerce, Management, PGDM, Engineering & Medicine. The event sets a benchmark in educational and professional guidance. It acts as a platform to connect students and parents with speakers and educational institutions. The event also helps students to take the right decisions after getting the necessary counselling and guidance.

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Mangaluru	June 25	Geetha S.M. Shetty Hall	Ramakrishna College, Bunts' Hostel Circle, Mangaluru
Tumakuru	June 26	Birla Auditorium	Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru
Bidar	June 26	Gyansudha Vidyalaya	Gyansudha Vidyalaya, Manasankeri campus, Bidar
Bengaluru South	July 2	MMRV Shashwathi Auditorium	22nd Cross, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru
Hubballi	July 2	K.L.E Society's Biotechnology Auditorium	B.V.B College of Engineering & Technology Campus, Vidyanagar, Hubballi
Ballari	July 3	BPSC Pre-University College	BPSC Pre-University College, Anantapur Road, Ballari
Mysuru	July 3	"Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering"	P.B. No.206, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Mysuru
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Diganth suffers injury, admitted to hospital

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Sandalwood actor Diganth Manchale was admitted to Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road on Tuesday after suffering a sports injury two days ago in Goa. He was being treated at Manipal Hospital there before he was airlifted from there to the hospital in Bengaluru.

He was admitted to the hospital at 4.30 p.m. and was admitted under the care of Dr. Vidhyadhara S., HOD and Consultant Spine Surgeon. "Kannada cinestar Diganth Manchale is admitted to Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road, post a sports injury he suffered. He is undergoing further evaluation. The medical team is taking all care to ensure his speedy recovery. We will release further updates on his clinical condition for his well-wishers," said Dr. Shankar BC, Head, Medical Services. According to reports, the actor landed on his head while performing a backflip.

Actor Diganth was airlifted to Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru for further treatment. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mallasandra government hospital nurse booked for botched-up abortion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bagalagunte police have registered an FIR against a nurse of Mallasandra government hospital for an alleged botched-up abortion for ₹3,000, damaging the intestine and uterus of a 27-year-old homemaker.

The victim sustained severe pain and bleeding and was shifted to Vani Vilas Hospital, where the doctors performed emergency surgery. After recovering from the injuries, the victim approached the police seeking legal action.

In her complaint, the victim, a mother of two children, said that she went to Mallasandra Government Hospital after discovering that she was pregnant with a third child and wanted a consult for an abortion.

The accused, who worked as nurse at the hospital, introduced herself as Gangalakshmi and promised to perform the abortion and demanded ₹4,500. After negotiating, the victim gave her ₹3,000. Last Sunday, the victim went to the hospital and Gangalakshmi performed the surgery, which went wrong and the victim started bleeding profusely.

Immediate surgery

Unable to handle the situation, Gangalakshmi advised the victim's sister-in-law Gouri to take her to Vani Vilas Hospital immediately. After she was rushed to the hospital, the doctor examined and informed her that her uterus and intestine had been damaged. The doctor also performed immediate surgery to prevent further damage.

The Bagalagunte police have charged nurse Gangalakshmi under Section 338 (causes grievous hurt to any person by doing any act so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life, or the personal safety of others) of IPC and written a letter to the Health Department seeking clarification.

The clarification is to ascertain whether the nurse is trained to handle such a surgery and whether she followed due procedure. The police are awaiting a reply, based on which action would be taken accordingly, a police officer probing the case said.

Illegal telephone exchange unearthed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In a joint operation by the Military Intelligence Southern Command and Central Crime Branch (CCB), officers raided four locations in the Bagalgunte Main Road area and found a Kerala-based person illegally creating a telephone exchange, placing several mobile SIM cards in electronic devices, converting foreign phone calls into local calls, defrauding the telecommunication network, and disrupting the country's security.

The accused Sharafudeen, 41, from Wayanad, Kerala, was said to be operating the exchange for a few months now.

2,144 SIM cards

Preliminary investigations revealed that he used 58 electronic devices to install 2,144 SIM cards in four locations.

The CCB officials have registered a case with the Bengaluru city cyber crime police station and are continuing their investigation.

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HDD, Lingayat seer write to CM about 'mistakes' in textbooks

The former PM wants old books retained; seer asks for comprehensive changes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai continues to receive objections to the school textbooks revised by the Rohith Chakrathirtha-led committee, and in the latest instance, they have come from the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and Lingayat seer Sanehalli Panditharadhya Shivacharya Swami.

While the seer has sought complete revision, arguing that there were "mistakes" in earlier editions of textbooks too, Mr. Gowda has sought that the textbooks framed by the earlier committee led by writer Baragur Ramachandrappa be retained.

'Numerous flaws'

Urging the State government to withdraw the revised textbooks, Mr. Gowda on Tuesday told Mr. Bommai to retain the textbooks revised by Mr. Ramachandrappa in the past since the latest revised textbooks have "numerous flaws".

"The flaws in the revised textbook cannot be set right by printing additional pages or circulars. The revised textbooks should be withdrawn and it is better that the textbooks revised by 27 committees under Baragur Ramachandrappa are continued this year," Mr. Gowda said in a letter to the Chief Minister. He also attached the memorandum given by the Vishwamanava Kuvempu Horata Samiti in this regard.

> **The flaws in the revised textbook cannot be set right by printing additional pages or circulars. The revised textbooks should be withdrawn and it is better that the textbooks revised by the Baragur Ramachandrappa-led committee are continued this year.**
>
> H.D. DEVE GOWDA, former Prime Minister

> **There are mistakes in revisions done by Rohith Chakrathirtha committee and also those done by the earlier committees led by G.S. Mudambadithaya and Baragur Ramachandrappa. In this background, it is better to drop the earlier textbooks and prepare new textbooks for students.**
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> SANEHALLI PANDITHARADHYA SHIVACHARYA SWAMI, Lingayat mutt seer

He said that the textbooks had been revised by the committee headed by a person who insulted the State anthem written by Kuvempu and also insulted the State flag. "The fact that such a person has been appointed as the chairman of the textbook revision committee is a mistake. The revision done by the committee has numerous flaws. Kuvempu's photo has been removed from the Social Sciences textbooks and Basavanna's social reform movement has been dropped while the services rendered by Siddaganga and Adichunchanagiri mutt seers have also been removed," he said in the letter.

He further noted that during the revision, works of great personalities such as Akkamahadevi, Kanakadasa, Purnandradasa, and Santa Shishunala Sharif have been removed, and Kempe Gowda and Surapura Nayakas have been "ignored."

Earlier panels too

In another development, the Sanehalli seer has argued that besides in the school textbooks revised by the Chakrathirtha committee, there were mistakes in a lesson on Basavanna in the textbooks prepared by the previous committees too, headed by writers Mr. Ramachandrappa and earlier by G.S. Mudambadithaya.

The seer has written to the Chief Minister, informing him about "major flaws" in the textbooks framed by them. "There are many mistakes in the lesson on Basavanna in the Social Sciences Part 1 Textbook of 9th standard brought out by the committee headed by Mr. Chakrathirtha. Earlier, Mr. Ramachandrappa and Mr. Mudambadithaya had headed the textbook review committees. The Mudambadithaya committee had included many aspects which were slanderous to the Basava philosophy. The Ramachandrappa committee had drastically changed it," the seer said in his letter.

'Frame new textbooks'

"So in this background, it is better to drop the earlier textbooks and prepare new textbooks," the seer said. The seer said he had sent two texts to the Chief Minister and requested him to take a close look at them, and take suitable action.

CM to hold meeting today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will hold a meeting with the heads of the Education Department and Education Minister B.C. Nagesh on Wednesday.

He said that the letter of the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda would also be discussed. His suggestions would be considered seriously and we would decide on whatever possible measures that could be taken, Mr. Bommai said. "I will reply respectfully to Mr. Gowda," he said.

Alert tribunal, advocates of insurance companies can thwart false claims: HC

'Motor Accident Claims Tribunal duty-bound to examine each and every bill'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Noticing that high compensation was secured by a claimant by misleading the tribunal in a road accident case, the High Court of Karnataka has said that it could have been avoided had the tribunal as well as the advocates had been alert and had cross-checked the medical bills.

The court also said that the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) is duty-bound to examine each and every bill to see whether they are genuine or any bills are repeated.

Justice J.M. Khazi passed the order while reducing by more than 50% the compensation awarded by the MACT

to one Saalibai, a 65-year-old woman from Kalaburagi. She had claimed compensation after she suffered injuries on falling from a motorcycle on which she was riding pillion with a known person.

The advocate for the insurance company was not diligent enough to conduct the cross-examination of the claimant on the aspect of same medical bills being produced more than once in the form of originals as well as photocopies – colour, and black and white – to claim higher compensation, the court said.

154 bills produced

The court found that of the 154 medical bills produced before the MACT on behalf of the claimant, some were originals and remaining were photocopies, either in colour or black and white.

"The manner in which these medical bills were produced goes to show that the petitioner and her counsel had willfully and intentionally mislead the tribunal to grant higher compensation," the court observed. The court also said that "as responsible officers of the court, both the counsel for the claimant and the insurance company owe a duty not only to their clients but also to the court. They shall not be, more particularly the counsel representing the claimant, a party to the fraud played on the tribunal for the purpose of getting higher compensation."

Modus operandi

The *modus operandi* used by the claimant had missed the attention of the tribunal as the claimant had not produced the bills in chronological order but had staggered them to mislead the tribunal, the court said.

'Modi claimed credit for works done earlier'

Kumaraswamy criticises Prime Minister on his slew of inaugurations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP leaders were seeking to take "free publicity" by portraying works started by others as their own, the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Tuesday said that the BJP should clarify to people whether works launched by the Prime Minister were the ones planned by the BJP or by other governments earlier.

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Pointing out at works done during his 14-month coalition government, he said, "It was during my tenure that the ₹23,000 crore suburban railway project was given shape and discussions were held and these have been reported in the media. I had even announced a foundation stone laying ceremony, which the BJP government did not allow. While my government was brought down through Operation Kamala, the railway project had been kept in the backburner for three years."

The former Chief Minister said the project had been officially launched as a gimmick since elections are fast approaching. "During my tenure, I had taken up the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) project, which has been launched now. The BJP has taken publicity for several projects launched by me," he claimed.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said that Mr. Modi did not come to Karnataka when the State faced crisis during severe floods and has been meeting out stepmotherly treatment to the State. "The BJP leaders in the State cannot face the people and hence they are hiding behind Mr. Modi," he said.

'Karnataka has potential to be leader in oil palm cultivation'

State had conceived the idea in 1986 to cultivate palm in irrigated regions

B.S. SATISH KUMAR
BENGALURU

A file photo of an oil palm plantation in Chikkamagaluru district.

The oil palm mission started by the Centre in 2020-21 has started gaining traction particularly after the edible oil import was hit due to the Russia-Ukraine war. Karnataka had conceived the idea of palm oil mission about 35 years ago, though it did not succeed due to various reasons. Experts suggest that Karnataka should revive the mission as it has a conducive environment for oil palm cultivation which can also contribute to increasing farmers' incomes.

The idea of the mission had taken shape in 1985 when then Horticulture Minister B. Somashekhar visited the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) in Kasaragod, Kerala, to interact with scientists. He had formed a committee headed by noted scientist P. Rethinam of the CPCRI to study the feasibility in Karnataka.

The committee had concluded that Karnataka had vast potential for oil palm cultivation under irrigation. According to the committee's report, an area of three lakh hectares of land could be brought under oil palm cultivation in the major irrigation command areas of the Thungabhadra, Upper Krishna Project, Malaprabha and Ghataprabha, Bhadra, and Cauvery. The committee had recommended that a processing factory should be established under the public sector for every 2,000 hectares of land within a radius of 40 km so that it would be possible to process the produce within 24 hours of harvesting.

"The main intention of taking measures for boosting oil palm cultivation then was to prevent excessive dependence on imports. But despite such aspirations, the scheme did not succeed as the subsequent governments did not show much interest. This resulted in several farmers even removing oil palms from their fields," said Mr. Somashekhar.

'Political will'

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Rethinam observed that the earlier mission to boost oil palm cultivation in Karnataka had failed due to a lack of "political and bureaucratic will". However, he noted that the State still had high potential for emerging as a leader in cultivation of oil palm. The Centre launched the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm in 2021-22 to augment the availability of edible oil in the country through expansion of the area under cultivation of oil palm and also reducing the burden of import. In 2020-21, India imported 133.5 lakh tonnes of edible oil, out of which palm oil accounted for 56%.

State Cong. leaders to stage protest today in Delhi

They will join senior leaders and MLAs and MLCs of all States in agitation against Agnipath scheme

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Congress high command has summoned the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah and his counterpart in the Council B.K. Hariprasad, MLAs, and MLCs of the party to the national capital to participate in a protest against implementation of the Agnipath scheme, an Army recruitment drive taken up by the Centre. Sources said the party has summoned all its senior leaders and MLAs and MLCs of all States to together protest against the Narendra Modi-led government which would soon start recruitment of Agniveers in the armed forces of the country.

The Congress has decided to stage the protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha M. Mallikarjun Kharge hit out at the Centre over the implementation of the scheme. He linked the scheme to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) by asking, "Do they want to prepare the youth and bring them to the RSS?" The Congress has been demanding a rollback of the scheme. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah have announced reservations in the Home and Defence Ministries for retired Agniveers and firmly ruled out rolling back the scheme.

'Political conspiracy'

Meanwhile, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, who is already in Delhi, on Tuesday staged a protest against the Enforcement Directorate questioning party leader Rahul Gandhi for his alleged role in a money-laundering scam with regard to the National Herald case. He termed the ED questioning Mr. Gandhi as a "political conspiracy" and said investigating agencies had filed "false" cases against the MP.

A new Jain pilgrimage centre in Hassan district

Statue of Muni Suvrata Nath has come up at Jainaragutti

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
ADAGUR (HASSAN)

After Shravanabelgola, well known for the historic Bahubali statue in Channarayapatna taluk, Jainaragutti near Adagur in Hassan taluk is all set to become a major pilgrimage centre for Jains. A statue of Muni Suvrata Nath, the 20th Thirthankara, has come up at the place. The statue, including the kamala peetha (lotus seat) and an image of tortoise at the base, is about 54-ft tall.

The black stone (Krishna shile) for the statue was sourced at Srirampura in Hosadurga taluk of Chitradurga district. A team of sculptors led by Jagadish Prasad Sharma from Jaipur in Rajasthan worked for about six months on the statue. The statue was placed on the pedestal with the help of cranes on April 15.

The statue of Muni Suvrata Nath at Jainaragutti near Adagur in Belur taluk. • PRAKASH HASSAN

Veera Sagar Muni Maharaja, a Jain monk, who looks after the establishment, said, "Earlier this place was vacant land. A few idols of Jain Tirthankaras, including Muni Suvrata Nath, Adinath and Parshwanath, were found here. A basadi was built in 2018. As the first statue found in this place was Muni Suvrata Nath's, we decided to have his statue here."

Adagur is about 10 km from Halebid, once the capital of the Hoysala kingdom. The area under their rule has been known for numerous Jain temples. Vishnuvardhana, a prominent Hoysala ruler, was a follower of Jainism before accepting Vaishnavism. For years. the Jain families of Adagur regularly visited Jainaragutti to celebrate Jeevadaya Ashtami in the month of Kartika. They showed interest to develop it as a pilgrimage centre under the guidance of monks. Many donors settled in different places have extended contributions.

A.N. Sheetal Kumar, priest, said "Our forefathers in Adaguru visited the place for many years. Now it is becoming a pilgrimage centre with a basadi, a statue and other facilities."

Pancha Kalyana Mahotsava of the statue is scheduled for March 2023. "Chandra Prabha Sagar Muni Maharaj will participate in the occasion. Abhishekha of the statue will be held once in 12 years," said Veera Sagar Muni Maharaj.

The devotees have formed Sri Digambara Jain Atishaya Kshetra Jainaragutti Educational and Charitable Trust to look after the activities in the place. The trust has plans to set up a goshala, old age home, yatri nivas, Tyagi Bhavana, besides education institutes at the place. The trust has been in consultation with the government machinery for the grant of land required for the activities.

75-year-old woman walks 7 km to enquire about pension, collapses after 3-hour wait

Hosanagar tahsildar V.S. Rajeev handing over pension sanction letter to Sadamma at her residence at Hebbige on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

In a heart-rending incident, 75-year-old Sadamma walked about 7 km from Hebbige village in Hosanagar taluk of Shivamogga district a few days ago to enquire about her old age pension. She fell unconscious after waiting for about three hours to meet the village accountant in his office at Nittur.

After a video clip and photos of the incident were shared widely on social media, Hosanagar tahsildar V.S. Rajeev visited Ms. Sadamma's residence and handed over the letter sanctioning her pension on Tuesday. Shivamogga Deputy Commissioner Selvamani R. had instructed the tahsildar to visit the woman's house.

Ms. Sadamma walked from Hebbige to Nittur to meet village accountant of Nagodi circle D.P. Manjappa on June 17 to enquire about her pension under the social security scheme, which she had not received.

She reached the office of the village accountant by 9.30 a.m., but the official was not available. Ms. Sadamma waited for about three hours before she collapsed. Local people took her to a nearby hospital.

Mr. Rajeev has issued a show-cause notice to Mr. Manjappa, asking why disciplinary action should not be recommended against him. In his notice, Mr. Rajeev said that even after repeated warnings and notices, the village accountant had been irregular with his duties. His negligence forced an old woman to walk 7 km and wait for three hours, he said. Mr. Selvamani has told officers of the department not to delay sanctioning social security pension of eligible applicants.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
LOWER SUKTEL IRRIGATION PROJECT, BALANGIR, AT- LALTIKRA,
DIST :- BALANGIR, PIN-767002. email-Id- ccelsp@gmail.com
Government of Odisha, "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No. 05/2022-23 of CCE, LSP, Balangir

i	Name of Work	CONSTRUCTION OF SUB-BASE FORMATION FOR MAIN ROAD AND BRANCH ROAD INCLUDING CROSS DRAINAGE WORKS (BOX CULVERTS) IN RR COLONY OF LSIP, BALANGIR AT HARDATAL.
ii	Estimated Cost	Rs.1,13,73,193.00
iii	Period of Completion	6 (Six) Calendar Months
iv	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	24.06.2022 at 10.30 AM
v	Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal	11.07.2022 up to 5.30 PM
vi	Name & Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	Chief Construction Engineer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Balangir, At-Laltikra, Dist. : Balangir, PIN - 767002

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal http://tendersodisha.gov.in.
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Chief Construction Engineer, Lower Suktel Project, Balangir.
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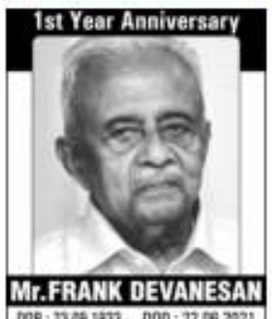
OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

1st Year Anniversary



Mr. FRANK DEVANESAN
DOB : 23.09.1933 DOD : 22.06.2021
"Your life was a blessing.
Your love a testimony
Your Memory we will Treasure
And miss you beyond Measure"
Fondly Remembered by
Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

'Allow free booster doses for 18-59 age group'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu's Department of Health has sought the Union government's approval for administering free booster doses to eligible persons aged 18-59 at government vaccination centres with the available stocks of Covishield and Covaxin, instead of private vaccination centres at the prescribed rates.

As of now, only healthcare workers, frontline workers and persons aged above 60 are eligible for the precautionary doses at any COVID-19 vaccination centre, including free vaccination at government centres. The rest – those aged 18-59 – can get the booster shot at the prescribed rates at private centres. Till June 20, 12,25,301 precautionary doses had been administered in the State. The low uptake was a cause for concern.

A few weeks ago, T.S. Selvavinayagam, Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, wrote to the Union Health Ministry, seeking permission for free precautionary doses to be administered to the 18-59 age group. Then, the State had 69,01,860 doses of Covishield and 25,09,785 doses of Covaxin. The present stocks were 55,24,830 doses of Covishield and 21,29,880 doses of Covaxin.

The official said the Health Department had requested the Centre to allow the use of the available vaccines for precautionary doses for the 18-59 age group. This was because it felt that the paid vaccines for this age group would impact the booster vaccination coverage among a significant section of the population. In fact, the department also sought permission for free vaccination of those aged 15-17, who did not receive the first dose, at government centres with the available stocks of Corbevax.

HC: Govt. is duty-bound to provide police protection for AIADMK meet

Police can frisk participants, prevent them from carrying weapons, says judge

MOHAMED IMRANULLAH S.
CHENNAI

The Madras High Court on Tuesday held it was the duty of the State to provide necessary police protection for the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) general council and executive council meet scheduled at Vanagaram near Chennai on Thursday since there was an apprehension of violence due to a factional dispute.

Petitioner is entitled to get police protection since there is apprehension of law and order problem, says judge.

Justice N. Sathish Kumar also agreed with senior counsel Vijay Narayan that mere calling of a meeting of the general council and the executive council could not be stalled by a faction of the party by objecting to grant of police permission and that it was up to the members of the two councils to take a final call on the agenda of the meet.

Since the Avadi police commissionerate had raised 31 queries regarding the event, the judge directed the writ petitioner P. Benjamin, a former Minister and incumbent Tiruvallur central district secretary of AIADMK, to provide clarification with respect to those queries by Tuesday itself so that the protection can be provided at the earliest.

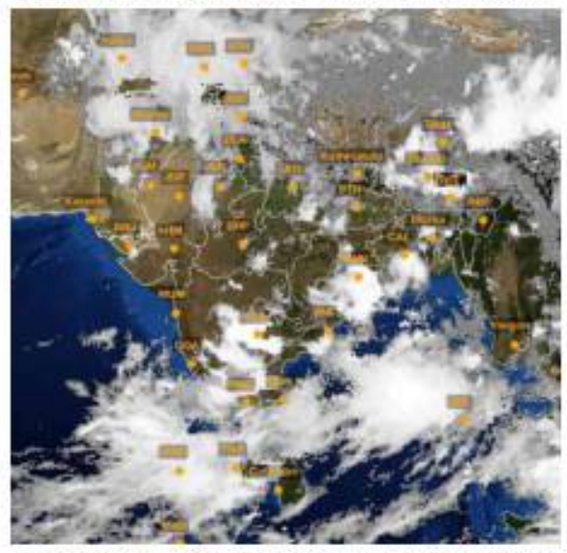
"On obtaining such details, the respondents should ensure that proper protection will be given for the venue where the Executive Council and General Council Meeting is to be held," the judge ordered. He also said it would be open to the police to barricade the venue, frisk the participants and prevent them from carrying weapons.

Stating that the members of the executive as well as general council must be provided with identity cards, the judge said, only those with identity cards and invitation must be allowed entry. The judge recorded the submission of Mr. Narayan that vehicle passes had already been issued to all the members of the two councils.

Senior counsel P.H. Arvindh Pandian, representing the party's coordinator O. Panneerselvam, objected to grant of police protection for the event on the ground that neither the party nor its two leaders had approached the court. Stating that the writ petitioner was a third party, he said the petitioner had not been authorised to seek protection. He questioned the maintainability of the writ petition and said Mr. Panneerselvam had given a representation to the police against grant of police protection for the event. However, the judge held that the dispute between the coordinator and co-coordinator Edappadi K. Palaniswami were not germane to the issue before the court.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY


TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Meghalaya, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	31.0	24.8	Kozhikode	11	31.0	24.0
Ahmedabad	–	40.3	28.8	Kurnool	–	33.5	25.7
Aizawl	1	25.8	20.6	Lucknow	–	37.4	26.5
Allahabad	–	37.0	24.4	Madurai	–	35.7	25.1
Bengaluru	15	27.8	20.5	Mangaluru	67.6	30.0	22.3
Bhopal	29.4	–	23.0	Mumbai	36	30.6	24.0
Bhubaneswar	–	34.1	23.3	Mysuru	–	31.2	21.0
Chandigarh	40.6	33.0	22.5	New Delhi	–	34.5	24.9
Chennai	49	34.9	23.4	Patna	–	36.0	25.2
Coimbatore	–	31.3	22.6	Port Blair	3	30.3	25.8
Dehradun	–	31.6	19.4	Puducherry	–	35.3	25.6
Gangtok	–	20.4	16.6	Pune	–	29.8	23.2
Goa	39	27.2	23.4	Raipur	23	31.3	22.8
Guwahati	–	34.2	25.8	Ranchi	13	31.2	23.0
Hubballi	–	27.0	22.0	Shillong	26	22.2	17.3
Hyderabad	47	33.2	21.5	Shimla	11	22.4	11.0
Imphal	5	31.0	21.7	Srinagar	3	15.0	13.3
Jaipur	5	33.7	22.0	Thiruvananthapuram	2	32.7	24.3
Kochi	21	30.0	24.0	Tiruchi	–	35.9	26.9
Kohima	2	24.2	16.2	Vijayawada	13	33.2	25.4
Kolkata	–	35.6	26.2	Visakhapatnam	27	28.0	24.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	58	49	52	56	119	
Bengaluru	13	16	25	58	72	
Chennai	18	15	65	33	45	
Delhi	2	192	59	88	114	
Hyderabad	2	15	31	102	90	
Kolkata	14	16	23	66	88	
Lucknow	11	60	74	69	104	
Mumbai	59	26	46	23	26	
Pune	29	175	111	58	48	
Visakhapatnam	18	54	36	–	68	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sonipat, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 228 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IN BRIEF

Swapna seeks CBI probe against Pinarayi, family

KOCHI

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Swapna Suresh, an accused in the diplomatic channel gold smuggling case, has sought an inquiry by the CBI against Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his family members in the case. She has alleged that the probe was handed over to the Customs and the NIA following the "influence of the government." She also sought a meeting with Mr. Modi to convey her "concerns and grievances".

Medicos angry over suspension of Kerala doctors before probe

They say technicalities used to demoralise workforce

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A day after Kerala Health Minister Veena George suspended two senior doctors of Government Medical College Hospital (MCH), Thiruvananthapuram, for alleged delay and lack of coordination in the run-up to a renal transplant surgery, which had a tragic outcome, the medical fraternity is up in arms against the manner in which the doctors were suspended even before a detailed inquiry was conducted to ascertain the facts of the incident.

A harvested kidney, which is well preserved can be transplanted even up to 24 hours or more, and the perceived "delay" occurred because the patient who had multiple co-morbidities had been undergoing dialysis, as is done in the case of all renal transplants when the organ arrived, the Kerala Government Medical College Teachers' Association said.

Scientific inquiry sought

The KGMCTA demanded that a scientific inquiry be conducted into the incident and that the government withdraw the suspension of the senior doctors.

The fact that there was none to "receive" the organ when it arrived and that it was "outsiders" who ran into the hospital grabbing the box, has been perceived by the government as a major negligence and evidence of lack of coordination between the departments.

However, transplant medicine experts are anguished how these mere technicalities are being used to demoralise a professional workforce, when no harm was done to the patient.

Andhra Premier League set to begin from July 6

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM

Andhra Premier League (APL) is all set to commence from July 6. The format of the game is similar to the Indian Premier League and in its first season six teams will be vying for the cup.

The team logos were unveiled here on Tuesday by the franchisee owners and the ACA officials. The teams include Uttarandhra Lions, bought by KVR Estates; Rayalaseema Kings (Dasaradharam Reddy); Godavari Titans (Malvin Global Energy); Coastal Riders (Surya Granites); Bezwada Tigers (Andhra Hospitals); and Vizag Warriors (Pulsus Group). The franchises have taken the rights for three years. Addressing the media, CEO of ACA M. Siva Reddy said this was one of the biggest event for ACA after Andhra had played the first Ranji Trophy match in 1953. He said that the matches and the tournament were being played as per the BCCI norms and anti-corruption officers from BCCI would oversee the tournament.

As many as 368 players would be going under the hammer at the auction that would be held on June 24. The players had been picked from 452 applications, said former Ranji player and member of the government council R.V. CH Prasad.

Police nab kidnappers, rescue minor girl in A.P.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR

Anantapur police on Tuesday rescued a minor girl, who was allegedly kidnapped from Bhoginepalli in Rapthadu mandal, within a couple of hours using technology and police on-ground intelligence and restored the girl to her parents.

The police arrested four of the accused – Kamatham Pullanna, 55, Kamatham Sadanand, 26, Bulle Prasad, 26, and Vennapoosa Bhaskar Reddy, 51. The fifth accused Boya Krishna, 45, is yet to be arrested.

The girl, who completed her Intermediate and was waiting to get admitted to a degree college, was allegedly forcibly taken away by close relatives from her house while she was alone at around 9.30 a.m.

The girl's parents were away in the agriculture fields and neighbours, who watched the entire episode, alerted the girl's parents, who in turn complained to the Rapthadu police.

Anantapur Disha Deputy Superintendent of Police A. Srinivasulu at a press conference said the police got the information about the alleged kidnapping at 9.55 a.m. and immediately alerted all police personnel in the district on the "High Alert App" and began tracking the movement of a "white" car in which the girl was reportedly being taken.

The relatives of the girl wanted to get her married to Sadanand against her will, Mr. Srinivasulu added.

The abductors abandoned the car midway and came 35 km to Tapovanam in Anantapur city and allegedly hid the girl in another relative Bhaskar Reddy's house.

The police traced the car and nabbed the driver, which led them to the house of Bhaskar Reddy.

Sweet success

Happy smiles: Students of a school in Kochi celebrating Plus Two results on Tuesday. As many as 83.87% of the students who appeared this year have cleared the examination, though the pass percentage has dipped by 4.07 points. • THULASI KAKKAT

Bear that injured 8 dies after tranquillisation

Incident took place in A.P. village

STAFF REPORTER
SRIKAKULAM

The bear, which injured eight persons and caused a scare among villagers from Vajrapukotturu, Mandasa and other places in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh, died after it was tranquillised on Tuesday by a team of forest officials.

Forest officials transporting the bear after it was tranquillised.

The team tranquillised the bear, which attacked eight persons on Monday, near Kidisingi village in Vajraukotturu mandal at around 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday. The officials said that the animal died on the way when it was being brought to Srikakulam.

The reasons for its death would be known only after post-mortem, they added.

The bear also attacked the villagers and damaged a shed which was being constructed for cattle near the Santoshimata temple at Vajrapukotturu. Kalamati Kodandarao 72, who was attacked by a bear a few days ago, died while undergoing treatment at a hospital.

Meanwhile, Animal Husbandry Minister Seediri Appala Raju and Collector Shrikesh B. Lathkar asked the health authorities to ensure proper treatment to those who were hospitalised after being attacked by the bear.

The family of the injured sought compensation.

NCC cadets perform 'asanas' on horseback, win accolades

Yoga Day observed at many institutions in Tirupati and Kadapa

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI/KADAPA

Yoga was performed across Tirupati marking the International Yoga Day on Tuesday, but what stood out were the acrobatic 'asanas' performed on horseback by the members of National Cadet Corps (NCC) attached to Tirupati group headquarters.

NCC cadets showcasing their skills on horseback at the Tirupati NCC group headquarters on Tuesday.

Cadets of 2nd R&V Battalion (Remount and Veterinary) showed their prowess in getting the highest level of training and perseverance in mastering the art.

Girl cadets of J.N.V. Valasapalli performed a fusion yoga and mesmerised the crowd. M. Shiva Nayak, a cadet who had entered the Guinness book for performing yoga continuously for 25 hours, also participated in the event and motivated the fellow cadets. The discipline exhibited by the horses at the show highlighted the level of rigorous practice.

Tirupati Group Commander Colonel Yogesh Dungrakoti stressed on the concept of a "fit and healthy India."

In Kadapa, cadets of 30 Andhra Battalion led by Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Vibor Gupta and NCC officer P.V. Subba Reddy performed the feats as tutored by yoga expert Bala Ankireddy. Over 2,000 participants, including Scouts and Guides, and Chairman Kandula Chandra Obul Reddy performed at KSRM College of Engineering.

TTD's SV Ayurvedic College organised a workshop on 'Yoga for global wellbeing' . At S.V. Zoo Park, curator M. Hima Sailaja and staff performed asanas.

Rajiv Gandhi varsity students call off week-long protest

Telangana Minister gives assurance to resolve problems

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NIRMAL

Classes resumed at the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) at Basar in Nirmal district of Telangana on Tuesday with the agitating students calling off their week-long sit-in protest following the talks with State School Education Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy at the campus late on Monday night.

The impasse ended with the student governing council withdrawing the agitation based on the assurance given by the Minister to resolve their problems in a time-bound manner.

Senior IAS officer and RGUKT in-charge vice-chancellor Rahul Bojja and Education department secretary Vakati Karuna, among others were present in the meeting held on the campus shortly before Monday midnight.

Resolution assured

"We have decided to call off the protest as the Minister personally visited the campus and assured to address all our demands at the earliest," said a member of the student governing council, which spearheaded the week-long protest by aggrieved students braving humid climate conditions and intermittent rains in support of their 12-point charter of demands.

"The Minister gave a concrete assurance to immediately resolve our long-pending issues pertaining to amenities and ensure uniforms, laptops, cots and mattresses besides improving health, hygiene and sanitation facilities in the hostels on the campus," a girl student said.

The Minister also assured to take up the process of appointing a regular Vice-Chancellor for RGUKT and address the shortage of faculty members, she noted.

Meanwhile, District Collector Musharraf Ali Faruqui visited the RGUKT campus.

ITDA inquiry on family planning case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM

A week after Andhra Pradesh Adivasi Joint Action Committee lodged a complaint with the ITDA, Paderu, alleging that about 500 to 600 Adivasi men and women were taken by the staff of a private hospital in Visakhapatnam for family planning operations, Project Director ITDA Ronanki Gopalakrishna launched an inquiry on Tuesday. He has appointed Visweswara Rao Naidu, District Tuberculosis Control Officer, to conduct the inquiry.

The JAC members contend that the due process for the family planning surgery was not followed, and filed a complaint suspecting foul play.

Progress without limits

India must ensure 5G caters to the largest sections of the population

The Union Cabinet last week cleared the decks for the first auction of radio spectrum to facilitate the roll-out of 5G telecommunication services. The Department of Telecommunications promptly issued a 159-page 'Notice Inviting Applications', detailing the specifics of the auction including the frequencies that would be up for bidding starting on July 26, and their reserve prices. The speed with which the Government has moved – from the initial announcement in the Union Budget to the telecom regulator's recommendations, and finally notification of the auction – has been commendable and shows its keenness to ensure India is at the relative vanguard in the adoption of the potentially 'transformative' technology. The Government has underscored that its primary motivation is to boost digital connectivity, a laudable objective given that the rapid growth of wireless telephony has perceptibly helped improve the delivery of services such as mobile banking, online education and telemedicine. The rub, however, is in the details. While most of the specific frequency bands that telecom providers consider optimal for the introduction of 5G services have been made available, including in the sub 1 GHz range, a C-Band frequency of 3.3 GHz, and the higher 26 GHz, the Government's decision to set the reserve price for the spectrum based on the regulator's recommendations reveals a prioritisation of revenue over the industry's long-term health. Even considering that an option for a staggered annual pay-out of the licence fee over its 20-year term has been provided, the price is still high.

This is particularly so when one considers the level of financial stress that has shrunk the sector to a near duopoly, and forced the surviving operators to resort to tariff increases to protect their viability and ability to make future investments. With 5G's adoption for the various possible end uses that leverage machine-to-machine communication such as IoT, smart agriculture, smart homes and others that bank on reliability, including smart grids and autonomous vehicles, still in its relative infancy even in advanced economies, the technology is yet some years away from scale-based economic viability. The relatively small size of the market for just faster downloads of videos and games, especially at a higher cost, makes it near certain that service providers will take an ultra-cautious approach both to bidding for spectrum and in rolling out services. The Cabinet's decision to allow bids for starting Captive Non-Public Networks that would enable individual companies to run private networks within the isolated confines of the enterprise has also roiled the pitch. It is hard to imagine the urgency to open up 5G for this niche application, particularly as it further undermines the economics for traditional telcos. India must be conscious of the challenges and opportunities of 5G services, and ensure that the technology caters to the largest sections of the population and not remain a deliverer for a high-value but limited, premium segment.

From colours to whites

Indian cricket sports a new look as unfinished business awaits the team in England

Bilateral Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) are often deemed an after-thought, added as an appendage to Tests and ODIs. The hype and the arc lights are reserved for glamorous domestic T20 championships like the Indian Premier League (IPL) or the Big Bash. But since this is a year that features the ICC Twenty20 World Cup later in Australia, teams need matches under their belt as part of the build-up. The recently concluded T20I series between India and South Africa fits into this template even if the climax under whimsical Bengaluru skies ensured a stalemate at 2-2. Trailing 0-2 after the first two encounters, India did well to win the next two and draw level before rains threw a damp curtain in the last fixture at Bengaluru with just 3.3 overs being bowled. Essentially India was not with its first-choice squad as captain Rohit Sharma and former skipper Virat Kohli were rested after a poor run in the IPL. The duo is in England along with a few other players, training for the fifth Test of last year's series that paused after four clashes following a COVID-19 scare. To make it worse for India, K.L. Rahul, appointed interim skipper, was also ruled out with an injury, and Rishabh Pant had to step into the hot seat against the visiting South Africans.

Temba Bavuma's men fired in the initial games. Be it a healthy 211 in Delhi or a meagre 148 in Cuttack, the Proteas chased without fuss and India having rested spearhead Jasprit Bumrah for the series, failed to stem the flow of runs. Fortunes changed at Visakhapatnam with India defending 179 for five as its bowlers found their restrictive zones. Parity was restored at Rajkot with India seizing the contest by 82 runs. Seen as a dress rehearsal for the ICC Twenty20 World Cup, this series was an opportunity to test both youngsters and seasoned players. Ishan Kishan and Hardik Pandya did well while Ruturaj Gaikwad and Shreyas Iyer could have done better. Dinesh Karthik, at 37, blitzed a strike rate of 158.62. Among the bowlers, Harshal Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal had their moments. Pant was middling with the bat, perhaps captaincy weighed him down. Coach Rahul Dravid and the selectors have got a few pointers about the T20 national squad. Meanwhile it is time to slip on the whites for the pending fifth Test against England at Birmingham from July 1. India leads at 2-1 but much water has flowed down the Thames. The visitor has a new captain and coach in the Rohit-Dravid combine while on the opposite side, Ben Stokes has taken over from Joe Root. Change is in the air.

A wish list for reform in India's higher judiciary

There are more important aspects relating to the retirement age of judges on which change in the system rests

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Of late, there is a rumour doing the rounds between Raisina Hill and Tilak Marg. Twittering birds have it that the age of retirement of Supreme Court of India judges is to be increased to 67 years, not immediately but come a couple of months. This will fall during the tenure of Justice U.U. Lalit who by seniority is expected to take over as the Chief Justice of India (CJI) on August 27, 2022. Dehors the increase, Justice Lalit would have had two months in the august office; come the amendment, his tenure goes on to November 2024. This alteration in age would affect every successor notably Justice D.Y. Chandrachud who will see delay in his ascension from November 2022 to November 2024. All in all, quite momentous for court watchers. Also momentous for political watchers since the next Lok Sabha election is due by May 2024. Much therefore hangs on age, especially the looks of the Court.

Fallout is competition

However, there are more important aspects relating to the retirement age of judges on which reform may be hung, and some of these go far deeper than a mere biennial increase. For one, it is high time that we did away with the disparity between the retirement ages of High Court and Supreme Court judges; High Court judges now retire at 62 and Supreme Court judges at 65.

There is no good reason for this difference. It is not as though grey cells of High Court judges decline dramatically after 62 or those of Supreme Court judges shine glowingly for three years thereafter. Judges, like other men and women of law, are professionals who have long working spans and are capable of good useful work well into their 60s. Age does not wither them easily. The obvious negative fallout of a differential retirement age simply is intense pressure and competition to make it to the top court and thus get three more years. If this is done away with, several judges of mettle would prefer to be Chief Justices and senior judges in the High Courts exercising wide power of influence rather than being a junior judge on a Bench of the Supreme Court. There is good work to be done in the High Courts, and we need good men there.

Needed, a culture of service

But let us not stop there, and instead move to consider what happens to Supreme Court judges after their tenure in the Supreme Court. Several focus on arbitrations and amass considerable fortunes with high fees and multiple sittings. Indeed, some say that they make more money in one year of arbitration than in their entire judicial careers. A minority of judges devote themselves to public service; sadly, this is a very small minority. Another lot are appointed to various constitutional posts and tribunals and commissions. It would be worthwhile reform to create a cadre of public service for retired judges and from this pool make appointments to

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the constitutional and statutory posts and special assignments. Such judges should receive the full pay and the facilities of a judge of the Supreme Court for life. Obviously they should be barred from arbitrations; it should further be provided that if any judge is unwilling to be a part of the cadre and instead wishes to pursue arbitrations post retirement, then senior positions on the Supreme Court such as the membership of the collegium ought not to be available for them. We should have a culture of public service for senior judges, and those who do not fit in such culture should not be a part of senior ranks.

Serve equally

It is generally assumed that the seniormost judge of the Supreme Court should be the Chief Justice of India, but we may pause to consider whether this is what the law mandates, and whether it is wholly wise. As to the first, the Constitution mandates no such thing. Article 124 merely states that the President will appoint every judge of the Supreme Court, and this includes the Chief Justice, and each of these judges shall hold office until they attain the age of 65 years. The requirement about appointing the seniormost judge to be the CJI is a sleight of hand devised in the Second Judges case (1993) and the consequent Memorandum of Procedure which is an obvious and naked usurpation of the President's power and a blatant attempt to rewrite the Constitution. It has no constitutional legitimacy. As to wisdom, public purpose is better served by ensuring that the judges of the Supreme Court during their entire tenure are not swayed by their expectations or aspirations to the higher office of CJI, and do not on that account calibrate their views or pause before judgement. Human frailties are human frailties, and judges are no exception much as they may consider themselves to be. There are sufficient examples in India's judicial history of aberrational judicial conduct with the Holy Grail in view, as also refusing to hear contentious cases which may provoke the executive red or orange light. Indeed, there is no good reason why any one particular person should have a vested interest in the top job, and we are better served by eliminating such expectation. Let all serve equally under the constitutional throne for the entire length of their tenure.

Choosing a leader

Who then shall be *primus inter pares*, the first among equals? For the court needs a leader. Go back to the Constitution again; among its catchpool for judges of the Supreme Court are judges of the High Court, senior advocates and distinguished jurists. For argument's sake let us take the first. Since we want to keep serving sitting Supreme Court judges inviolate from all but the purest influences, let us say that when a serving CJI retires, his successor should be the best reputed Chief Justice of a High Court who has proved himself worthy both in judicial office as well as administrative leadership and has those qualities of heart and head which mark a good leader. Do not forget that M.C. Chagla and P.V. Rajamannar, two of our most eminent judges, retired as Chief Justices of the Bombay High Court and the Madras High Court, respectively. The appointee should have a clear three year term – not the truncated weeks and months that some CJIs now get. But he should not function as the *primus super pares* as many CJIs nowadays do – calling the shots and having their unfettered way. He should instead function in a true collegiate manner, especially in regard to the roster of allotment of cases, especially the sensitive ones, and appointments to the Supreme Court and High Courts and other important matters of judicial and administrative importance. Such a combination of CJI so chosen working with senior ranking colleagues will make collegiate functionality both a natural course and an imperative necessity.

Lest that anyone should think that this is an idea coming from outer space, this is invariably followed in making the appointment of the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Only five of its 17 Chief Justices served earlier as an Associate Justice, the rest came fresh to the Court. It is part of a system designed to relieve excessive power and pressure.

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It is time India plans a hub airport flight path

The country should move quickly as favourable factors and opportunities balance out the impediments

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Transforming one of India's metro gateway airports into a hub airport deserves consideration as the aviation market puts the novel coronavirus pandemic behind it and passenger demand surges.

Today, India is the third largest domestic aviation market in the world, next only to the United States and China. Consumer confidence in air travel has helped the industry recover faster than anticipated. Some airports have already breached or are close to matching the traffic demand seen before the pandemic.

Besides, in view of the surge in passenger demand, India's airport operators have planned investments upwards of ₹90,000 crore to enhance capacity over the next four years or so.

To boot, the conditions are just right for building a hub airport.

The concept

What exactly is a hub airport?

A hub airport is one served by a multitude of airlines, connecting several airports through non-stop flights.

Historically, airports were designed keeping the requirements of the origin/destination passenger in mind. This meant operating separate arrival and departure terminals.

Over time, better space-utilisation concepts led to the construction of a common passenger terminal with arrival/departure flows segregated on different floor levels. This spawned a new segment of passengers – transit flyers, who use the airport only to connect flights.

A typical hub airport operates on the concept of waves. A wave of incoming flights arrives and connects with another wave of outgoing flights that departs an hour or two later. 'Hubbing' allows for the maximum combination of flight pairs and a wider choice of destinations and frequencies for connecting passengers.

Importantly, while an aspiring hub looks at attracting foreign airlines to widen the number of direct point-to-point connections, it thrives on airlines nestled (based) at that airport, which dedicate more resources, aircraft, crew, manpower and infrastructure, and are enablers of growth. Some global examples are (Hub airport/Home airline): London/British Airways; Frankfurt/Lufthansa; Atlanta/Delta Airlines; Dallas/American Airlines; Singapore/Singapore Airlines; Paris/Air France; Dubai/Emirates; Chicago/United Airlines; New York/American Airlines and Delta Airlines; Hong Kong/Cathay Pacific.

Why it is a win-win for all. A hub creates economies of scale for the airport and airlines alike.

The airport benefits from increased direct connectivity with other airports and more revenue opportunities due to increased passenger footfalls. Improved passenger throughput has a knock-on

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effect on the wider airport ecosystem, such as aero and non-aero service providers at the airport, including cargo and ground handling, fuelling, retail and duty-free, vehicle parking, aircraft maintenance repair and overhaul (MRO), and fixed-base operation (FBO) services at the airport.

Airlines, on their part, get to serve city pairs that are otherwise economically unviable for non-stop flights.

Frequent fliers and business travellers get greater choice and flexibility with flights, destinations, and service frequencies, as well as lower ancillary costs, such as avoiding the time and cost of an overnight stay.

A force multiplier

From the government's perspective, an airport acts as a force multiplier with economic activity, jobs and employment, investments, business, trade, commerce, tourism, culture, and benefits other sectors of the economy. It is well established that the creation of one job in the aviation sector affects the creation of up to six jobs in allied sectors, such as tourism and hospitality.

All this propels the economic and social development of the city and its inhabitants, too.

Let us look at considerations for a hub airport in India. There are three basic requirements for becoming a major airport hub, whether domestic or international, i.e. sufficient local consumer demand; good geographic location, and necessary infrastructure to support high-volume traffic. In India's case, the first two requirements are largely addressed and the focus is rightly on addressing the third requirement.

An India perspective

In the context, here is a look at the favourable factors, impediments, and opportunities.

In considering the factors in favour: India has the largest diaspora, or transnational community, at 18 million people across all six continents and regions (based on the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division - Report on International Migration 2020); India is located on busy international air corridors that connect Europe, Africa, and the Middle East with Asia, making it ideal for a transit hub and alternative/diversion/fuel stop/technical stop; being the fifth-largest economy in nominal GDP terms (IMF World Economic Outlook Database April 2019) and the seventh largest by land mass, India can support development of more than one hub airport; airport business in India is largely monopolistic, with no competing airport in the same urban area; airport development in India is a regulated business with minimum downside risk for investors; airport tariff determination under the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India is a robust, fair, and transparent process

Let us consider the impediments. There are capacity constraints at major airports because of a lack of landing slots, especially during peak hours; the Airports Authority of India Act (AAI), 1994 constrains the AAI/airport operators from commercially exploiting available land for non-aeronautical activities; a 'high cost-low fare' operating environment and increased competition hurts airline balance sheets and financials, which hurts the growth of airports; India has 34 operational international airports, yet smaller international airports are either completely left out or have very limited scope in starting international flight operations; rationalisation of duties and taxes, such as bringing aviation turbine fuel under the ambit of goods and services tax, will enable airlines to reduce costs and emerge financially stronger, thereby benefiting airports

And, finally, the opportunities. There is a need to develop intermodal connectivity (rail/road - air) and logistics support infrastructure (warehousing) as a part of the future airport master plans to fully exploit potential with cargo and freight; aspiring hub airports can partner with tier-2 and tier-3 airports in their catchments; airports can broaden their revenue base by developing allied service capabilities, such as cargo handling, aircraft MRO and FBO.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Agnipath, Agniveers

With financial expenditure on the defence forces in terms of welfare having reached a point of crisis, the Agnipath scheme is a step in the right direction. It is unfortunate that the scheme has been misinterpreted and is being coloured as denying aspiring youth a secure career. With the Government making assurances of age relaxation, a reasonable salary and a substantial financial amount at the end of the four-year term along with avenues of employment later, it is baffling why youngsters are still unhappy. The defence forces cannot be seen as a mere 'recruiting agency'. Youngsters must give up their agitational approach and realise that a career in the defence services needs a matured and disciplined outlook.

B. GURUMURTHY,
Madurai

■ A reader (Letters to the Editor, June 21) has said that it "takes at least six years of dedicated and involved training to create a soldier" and that under Agnipath, the Indian "defence forces and the Indian Army in particular will be reduced to another central armed police force". Is the reader who is an "Army veteran" trying to imply that paramilitary personnel are incapable of carrying out operations and maintaining law and order duties? I served in the Central Reserve Police Force for 22 years. It needs no reiteration that it is one of India's elite paramilitary forces doing exemplary work in guarding the nation from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. One of its tasks has been to oversee election duties across the country which it has performed in an exemplary manner and without proper facilities when compared to the Army. It may also be noted that 30% of the National Security Guard and Special Protection Group commandos are from the paramilitary forces. I am sure that if Agnipath soldiers are inducted in the paramilitary under the quota, they will definitely do well in every duty assigned to them.

V. ANANDAN,
Palakkad, Kerala

■ Why the protest against Agnipath by youngsters took a violent turn is because a large percentage of candidates who had registered in 2019 and subsequently cleared a few steps of the recruitment processes – importantly, on merit – were blocked by COVID-19 induced disruptions. The Government ought to have taken cognisance of this before making the announcement of Agnipath. It is only fair that these candidates are recruited according to the earlier norms. As far as Agnipath is concerned, let all youngsters who meet the criteria make a considered decision. One only wishes that the entire scheme was debated in Parliament since it is a matter of national security.

RAVI BHUSHAN,
Kurukshetra, Haryana

■ If it is the heavy load of pension payment that is the main reason for introducing this half-baked scheme, shattering the dreams of patriotic youth, the Government should have visited its account books and regulated and standardised pensions for other Government servants.

KOTESWARA RAO YARLAGADDA,
Bengaluru

■ It is unfortunate to have a Minister in the Government (and an officer who once held the highest post in the Army) making shocking and condescending remarks. The Minister should be looking at the issue from the aspirant's point of view. It is deeply shocking for a youngster. Policy cannot be made as a result of political arrogance and perceived invincibility based on electoral strength and the lack of cohesion in the Opposition's ranks. The 75% of Agniveers who will have to leave the defence forces must be ensured a bright future.

V. LAKSHMANAN,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Conserve water

A not-so-strong monsoon so far is worrying. There needs to be a national task force assisted by ground-level officers to look into areas where water usage and wastage are high and prepare a citizen's charter. India must learn to take water conservation seriously as fresh water is a very precious resource.

RATNARAJ JAIN,
Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh

A new global standard for AI ethics

UNESCO's global agreement on the ethics of AI can guide governments and companies alike

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Artificial intelligence (AI) is more present in our lives than ever. From predicting what we want to see as we scroll through social media to helping us understand weather patterns to manage agriculture, AI is ubiquitous. AI algorithms can also be partially credited for the rapidity with which vaccines were developed to tackle COVID-19. The algorithms crunched complex data from clinical trials being undertaken in all corners of the world, creating global collaborations that could not have been imagined even a decade ago.

Issues in AI

But AI-related technology cannot be said to always be beneficial. The data used to feed into AI often aren't representative of the diversity of our societies, producing outcomes that can be said to be biased or discriminatory. For instance, while India and China together constitute approximately a third of the world's population, Google Brain estimated that they form just 3% of images used in ImageNet, a widely used dataset. Similarly, there are problems emerging in facial recognition technologies, which are used to access our phones, bank accounts and apartments, and are increasingly employed by law-enforcement authorities, in identifying women and darker-skinned people. For three such programs released by major technology companies, the error rate was 1% for light-skinned men, but 19% for dark-skinned men, and up to 35% for dark-skinned women. Biases in facial recognition technologies have led to wrongful arrests. These challenges are not surprising when we look at how AI is developed. Only one in 10 software developers worldwide is a woman. These women come overwhelmingly from western countries.

These issues are of particular importance to India, which is one of the world's largest markets for AI-related technologies, valued at over $7.8 billion in 2021. Indeed, the National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence released by NITI Aayog in 2018 highlights the massive potential of AI in solving complex social challenges faced by Indian citizens across areas such as agriculture, health, and education, in addition to the significant economic returns that AI-related technologies are already creating.

To ensure that the full potential of these technologies is reached, the right incentives for ethical AI governance need to be established in national and sub-national policy. India has made great strides in the development of responsible and ethical AI governance, starting with NITI Aayog's #AIForAll campaign to the many corporate strategies that have been adopted to ensure that AI is developed with common, humanistic values at its core.

However, until recently, there was no common global strategy to take forward this importance agenda. This changed last November when 193 countries reached a groundbreaking agreement at UNESCO on how AI should be designed and used by governments and tech companies. UNESCO's Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence took two years to put together and involved thousands of online consultations with people from a diverse range of social groups. It aims to fundamentally shift the balance of power between people, and the businesses and governments developing AI. Indeed, if the business model of how these technologies are developed does not change to place human interests first, inequalities will grow to a magnitude never before experienced in history; access to the raw material that is data is key.

Countries which are members of UNESCO have agreed to implement this recommendation by enacting actions to regulate the entire AI system life cycle, ranging from research, design and development to deployment and use. This means they must use affirmative action to make sure that women and minority groups are fairly represented on AI design teams. This could take the form of quota systems that ensure that these teams are diverse or the form of dedicated funds from their public budgets to support such inclusion programmes.

The Recommendation also underscores the importance of the proper management of data, privacy and access to information. It establishes the need to keep control over data in the hands of users, allowing them to access and delete information as needed. It also calls on member states to ensure that appropriate safeguards schemes are devised for the processing of sensitive data and effective accountability, and redress mechanisms are provided in the event of harm. All of this takes enforcement to the next level.

Additionally, the broader sociocultural impacts of AI-related technologies are also addressed, with the Recommendation taking a strong stance that AI systems should not be used for social scoring or mass surveillance purposes; that particular attention must be paid to the psychological and cognitive impact that these systems can have on children and young people; and that member states should invest in and promote not only digital, media and information literacy skills, but also socio-emotional and AI ethics skills to strengthen critical thinking and competencies in the digital era. This is all critical for ensuring accountability and transparency of AI-related technologies, underpinning a strong rule of law that adapts to new digital frontiers.

In a number of countries, the principles of the Recommendation are already being used in AI regulation and policy, demonstrating their practical viability. Finland provides an example of good practice of this regard, with its 2017 AI Strategy. This was the first of its kind in any European country and demonstrated how governments can effectively promote ethical AI use without compromising the desire to be on the cutting edge of new technologies.

A common rulebook

The new agreement is broad and ambitious. It is a recognition that AI-related technologies cannot continue to operate without a common rulebook. Over the coming months and years, the Recommendation will serve as a compass to guide governments and companies, to voluntarily develop and deploy AI technologies that conform with the commonly agreed principles it establishes - similar moves happened after UNESCO's declaration on the human genome set out norms for genetic research. Second, it is hoped that governments will themselves use the Recommendation as a framework to establish and update legislation, regulatory frameworks, and policy to embed humanistic principles in enforceable accountability mechanisms. To accompany countries in the realisation of the full potential of AI and with the aim of building the institutional capacity of countries and all the relevant stakeholders, UNESCO is in the process of developing tools to help them assess their readiness in the implementation of the Recommendation and identify, monitor and assess the benefits, concerns and risks of AI system.

With this agreement, we are confident of putting AI to work where it can have the most impact: hunger, environmental crises, inequalities and pandemics. We are optimistic of having built the momentum for real change.

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Analysing spectrum auction

The reserve price is expected to dominate the minds of bidders in the months to come

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The Union Cabinet has cleared a mega auction of radio spectrum in various bands for commercial mobile services. Based on the recommendation of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the government is planning to auction spectrum in the sub-GHz bands of 600, 700, 800 and 900 MHz; in the mid-bands of 1,800, 2,100, 2,300, 2,500 and 3,300 MHz, and in the high-frequency band of 26 GHz. The total spectrum to be auctioned is about 72 GHz, compared to about 2.2 GHz put on the block last year. The cumulative reserve price – and hence the potential revenue accrual to the government at reserve prices – is about ₹4,31,605 crore compared to about ₹3,90,000 crore last year. However, the realised value in last year's auction was just about 20% of the reserve price at ₹74,000 crore, with the 700 MHz and 2,500 MHz band not being sold. While the 2021 auction could be considered a failure from the auctioneer's point of view, will the auction scheduled for this month be successful? There are many factors that determine the success of spectrum auction.

Reserve price

The first is the reserve price. Our research on a cross-country spectrum database shows that the reserve price significantly and positively correlates with the winning bid price. However, a higher reserve price also inhibits bidders from bidding for more spectrum blocks, resulting in lower amounts of spectrum sold. If the quantity effect is more than the price effect, it results in reduced revenues for the government exchequer, as it happened in 2021. The government has accepted TRAI's recommendations on the reserve process across different bands, which is less than what was specified for the respective bands last year. Though some of the bands are high-priced compared to other countries, the average price of the new bands such as 3.3 GHz and 26 GHz, at $0.02 and $0.0004, are in line with international prices on per MHz per pop basis. However, the evolving heterogeneity within each of the 22 LSAs (licensed share access) makes it difficult for the bidders to ascertain the true value of the spectrum given the reserve prices. Hence, the uncertainty in the winning bid prices.

Second, the willingness to pay by the telcos depends on their position vis-à-vis Over The Top providers who are providing substitute services such as Voice Over Internet Protocol; and capturing a greater mind share of customers while remaining relatively invisible to government regulators. However, the erosion of the position of telcos vis-à-vis OTTs in the context of their relationship in the overall digital value network of devices, connectivity and apps could result in a lower willingness to pay.

The 5G capable networks provide massive Machine Type Communication, and Ultra-Reliable Low Latency Communications that are likely to be adopted on a large scale by enterprise users in manufacturing, healthcare, and utilities. These requirements can be fulfilled by the licensed telcos by building captive non-public networks (CNPN) or leasing/ sharing the allotted spectrum to the enterprises. However, TRAI has recommended that apart from these options, the firms can directly lease spectrum from the government for building their own CNPNs, which is proving to be a thorn for the telcos. This is where telcos should lead from the front by forging alliances with managed service providers to augment their enterprise offerings, which in turn will result in a demand for 3.3 and 26 GHz bands in the auction.

What can we expect?

In our research on spectrum auctions held across countries, we found that reserve price and the number of bidders in the auction have a positive effect on auction. Both these factors have been reduced from the past auctions. In fact, the number of bidders in 2016 auction was seven compared to three now. Hence, we expect the winning bid prices to decrease accordingly. However, our analysis shows that the total quantum of spectrum put on auction has a negative effect on winning bid prices. Since the quantum of spectrum in this auction is about 35 times more than last year, including the new bands in 600 MHz, 3.3 GHz and 26 GHz, we expect that it will have substantial negative effects on spectrum prices. On the other hand, abolition of annual spectrum usage charges for all spectrum procured in this auction and the deferred payment option incentivises bidders to be active in the auction.

In last year's auction, out of a total of 141 offerings, all the 108 sold were at reserve prices. We don't expect much deviation this year either. So, once again, the reserve price is expected to dominate the minds of bidders in the months to come.

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STATE OF PLAY

Hope for a beleaguered party

After its dismal performance last election, the Congress in Kerala is witnessing a churn

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After the Congress's dismal performance in the Kerala Assembly polls last year, when it secured just 21 of the 140 seats, the party's Central leadership decided to replace the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president, Mullappally Ramachandran, who was perceived to be inefficient, and the Leader of the Opposition, Ramesh Chennithala, who was accused of running with the hare and hunting with the hounds.

But now things have changed for the party, with Kannur MP K. Sudhakaran at the helm of the KPCC and V.D. Satheesan as the Leader of the Opposition. The new leaders have been able to galvanise the rank and file and set the rickety organisational apparatus in order to an extent.

The Congress's organisational capabilities were on show during the Statewide protests it launched against the SilverLine rail project. The new leadership's political acumen was reflected in the decision to field two women for crucial positions: Jebi Mather for the winnable Rajya Sabha seat and Uma Thomas for the Thrikkakara Assembly seat, which was left vacant when her husband P.T. Thomas passed away. Despite the CPI(M)'s political and organisational might, which was on full display during the Thrikkakara bypoll, the Congress won by a record margin. The victory not only provided a psychological boost to the party, but also consolidated the hold of the Sudhakaran-Satheesan duo in the Kerala unit.

Perhaps this victory has also emboldened the duo to persistently seek the resignation of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who has been accused of gold smuggling and money laundering by Swapna Suresh, one of the prime accused in the gold smuggling scandal that had rocked the first Pinarayi regime.

But questions are also being raised about the confrontationist strategies adopted by the Congress leaders. Political observers see the unprecedented act of three Youth Congress workers boarding a domestic aircraft carrying Mr. Vijayan and shouting slogans as a grave misadventure. The CPI(M)-led LDF government responded to the incident by slapping attempt-to-murder charges on the three Youth Congress activists. There is some irony in the CPI(M)'s outrage over the aircraft incident. In 2013, the then Congress Chief Minister, Oommen Chandy, had suffered injuries when some protesters who were part of a CPI(M) agitation over the solar scam threw stones at his car.

Nevertheless, a section of old-timers in the Congress feels that the strategy has backfired and given the LDF an advantage even as an in-flight video showed LDF convener E.P. Jayarajan pushing two of the Youth Congress activists who had raised slogans against the Chief Minister. On the other hand, the majority of the rank and file, particularly younger members, feel that the State leadership is infusing new life into the party.

Unlike in the past, the Congress leadership has no intention of letting go of the issue easily. Congress MP Hibi Eden demanded to know from the Union Civil Aviation Ministry and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation why an FIR was not registered against Mr. Jayarajan. Mr. Satheesan shot off a letter to the IndiGo Airlines Associate Vice President seeking action against the airport manager of the airlines for submitting to the local police station a "fake and frivolous" report on the protest.

With no election in the near future, the State Congress is witnessing an organisational churn like never before. With the Congress slowly trying to regain strength, the BJP, which had all along been claiming that it was the *de facto* Opposition, stands merely as yet another Opposition party protesting against Mr. Vijayan. The other key goal of the Sudhakaran-Satheesan duo will be to re-establish the Congress's hegemony within the UDF.

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DATA POINT

Agnipath and quality of jobs

The Agnipath scheme, which aims to recruit defence personnel in short-term contracts, has led to country-wide protests in the last week. A key element of the scheme is that there will be no pension or gratuity benefits for these recruits. Given that a majority of regular wage/salaried employees in India already lack social security benefits, this facet of the scheme may deteriorate the quality of jobs further. Importantly, this project comes at a time when the pandemic has further reduced the share of jobs with such benefits. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

- According to the PLFS 2020-21 report, 53.8% of regular wage/salaried workers were **not eligible** for social security benefits, higher than the 49.6% in 2017-18
- The decline was much sharper in rural jobs with the share of workers **without benefits** increasing to 59.1% from 52.5%
- Data also show that 64.3% **did not have a written job contract** and 47.9% were not eligible for paid leave
- In 22 States, more than 25% were neither eligible for paid leave and social benefits nor had a written contract

1. VULNERABLE JOB SHARE

The table shows the share of regular wage/salaried employees **who had no job contracts, were not eligible for paid leave, and were not eligible for social security benefits** in sectors other than agriculture. The share of workers not eligible for social security benefits increased during the pandemic years. While the share of workers without contracts and paid leave has come down over the years, still the numbers were very high

Type	Year	Rural	Urban	Total
No written contract	2020-21	66.3	63	64.3
	2019-20	68.3	66.8	67.3
	2017-18	69.2	72.4	71.1
No paid leaves	2020-21	52.3	44.9	47.9
	2019-20	54.5	51	52.3
	2017-18	56.2	52.8	54.2
No social security benefits	**2020-21**	**59.1**	**50.1**	**53.8**
	2019-20	**59.3**	**51.1**	**54.2**
	2017-18	**52.5**	**47.7**	**49.6**

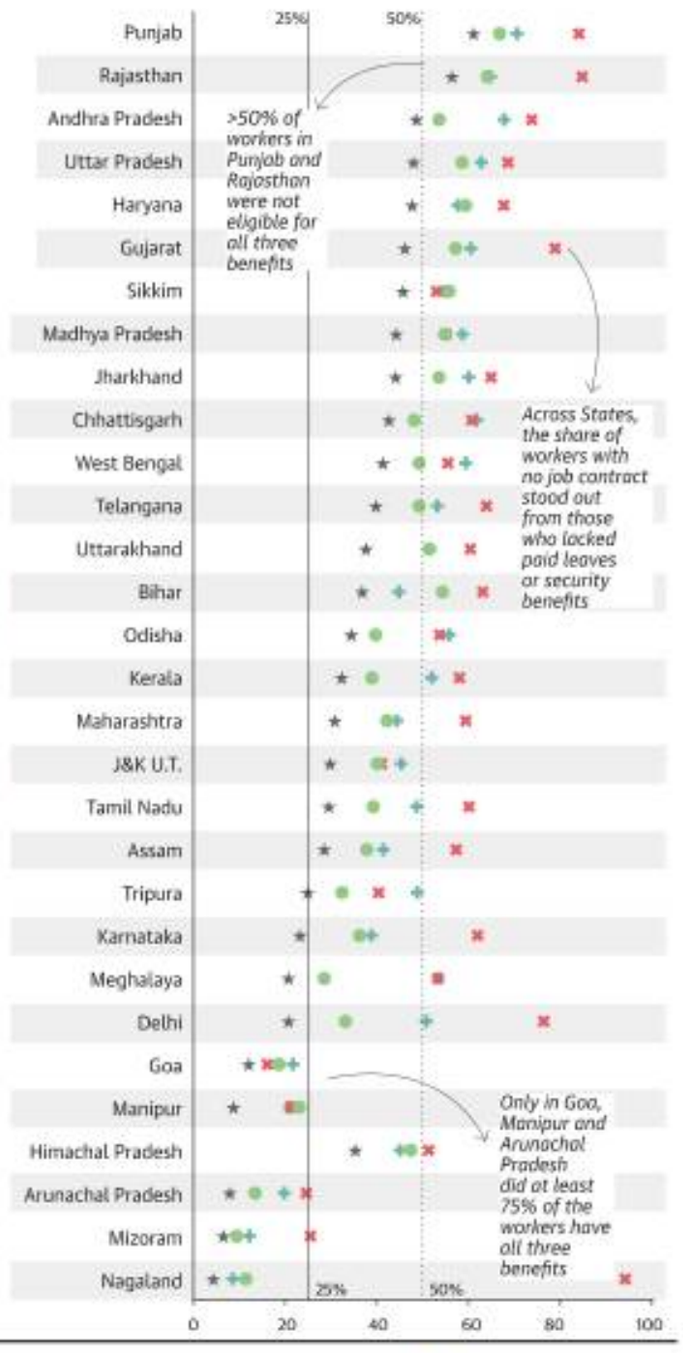
2. GENDER DIVIDE

The table shows the share of regular wage/salaried employees who had no contracts, who were not eligible for paid leave, and were not eligible for social security benefits in sectors other than agriculture across gender in 2020-21. The share of men who lacked such benefits was higher than women. But this has to be read along with the fact that the share of women in the labour force was much lower than that of men

Type	Male	Female	Total
No written contract	65.2	61.5	64.3
No paid leaves	49.3	43.7	47.9
No social security benefits	**53.1**	**55.8**	**53.8**

SOURCE: PLFS

3. STATE-WISE SHARE | The graph shows the share of regular wage/salaried employees with no job contracts (✖), who were not eligible for paid leave (●), were not eligible for social security benefits (✚) and all of the above (★), in sectors other than agriculture, across States



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 22, 1972

Ambitions of Hungarian women

Budapest, June 21: The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi's visit has stirred the highest ambitions in Hungarian women. The Hungarian Prime Minister, Mr. Jeno Fock, told Mrs. Gandhi during the talks yesterday that his wife had been badgering him for not doing enough for the uplift of Hungarian women. When Mr. Fock related to his wife the various measures being taken by the Government, Mrs. Fock retorted: "but when will a woman become Hungary's Prime Minister?" Mr. Fock replied: "That can only be when I quit." The two delegations burst into laughter as Mr. Fock related this piece of conversation. Like Czechoslovakia, Hungary is faced with shortage of manpower. To solve this problem, it gives many fiscal inducements to those who are prepared to have more children. Despite social security measures, the preference in both the countries is only for small families, with not more than two or three children. Mr. Fock told Mrs. Gandhi when Hungary recognised Bangladesh how Pakistan first snapped its diplomatic ties and later restored them. The Hungarian Prime Minister said: "We recognised Bangladesh on January 26. Immediately, Pakistan broke off its diplomatic relations. Privately, they whispered we should not take it seriously. Soon enough they restored the ties." Faced with problems of generation gap as elsewhere in the world, the Hungarians have brought down the voting age from 21 to 18. Anyone above 18 can also stand for elections to Parliament, a unicameral legislature.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 22, 1922

Hague conference

Hague, June 20: The full British delegation had a meeting in the Palace Hotel this morning. The Empire delegates will depart in a day or two leaving their interests in the hands of British representatives. The Dutch Foreign Minister, Van Karnebeck, is today formally intimating to Russia the composition of the non-Russian commission on which counting Dominions as a part of Britain, 25 countries will be represented mostly by two delegates each. Britain is represented by Sir Lloyd Greame and Mr. Hilton Young, Italy by Baron Avezzina and Dr. Diannim, Belgium by Barons Cartier and Gelopin, Japan by Sat Councillor of the Embassy and Sokiga of the Ministry of Finance. The names of the French delegates have not yet been announced.

FROM PAGE ONE

Murmu is NDA pick, Opposition fields Sinha

Speaking of Ms. Murmu, Mr. Nadda said that just like India's second President, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, was identified with the work of education, so did Ms. Murmu. "She was a teacher and later went into politics, as a councillor, then an MLA, [and] as a Minister for Commerce, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry. In 2007, she also received the Neelkanth Award for best MLA. Between 2015 and 2021, she was Governor of Jharkhand, and is an apt choice for the position [of President]. She is a leader of great sensitivity. Whatever responsibility has been accorded to her, she has fulfilled it with grace and ability," Mr. Nadda said.

Tuesday's Opposition parties' meeting was chaired by Mr. Pawar and attended by representatives of 14 Opposition parties. Mr. Pawar said at a press conference that he had spoken to Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The Opposition, he said, could count on the support of both the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

Mr. Sinha was elected after three public figures – NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar, former J&K Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, and former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi – declined to contest.

With both the names now out, the NDA has an advantage over the UPA, not just in terms of numbers but also in terms of the candidate, as the idea of the first Adivasi to ever be President of India would be a powerful inducement to secure support from different fence-sitting political parties such as the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), the Yuvajana Shramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), and others.

'Army Regimental process remains same'

Agnipath scheme was decided based of recommendations by various panels, says Lt. Gen. Anil Puri

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

There is no change in the recruitment process of the armed forces, regimental process in the Army remains unchanged and the all-India, all-class nature remains unchanged for recruitment of Agniveers under the new Agnipath scheme, Lt. Gen. Anil Puri, Additional Secretary in the Department of Military Affairs, said on Tuesday while stressing that the objective was based on one thing, youthfulness in the armed forces. Later in the day, the three Service Chiefs met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue.

"Agnipath Scheme balances three elements. Firstly, it will ensure youthful profile of the armed forces. Second, it will ensure technical savvy and adaptable people joining the Army. Thirdly, it will make the individual future-ready," Lt. Gen. Puri said addressing a tri-service press conference on the issue.

On the streets: A Youth Congress member being detained by security personnel during a protest against the Agnipath scheme in New Delhi on Tuesday. • R.V.MOORTHY

Talking of the long-pending reform, which he said was a "transformative reform", he said this had been pending for a long time as part of larger military reforms such as higher defence reforms, including the creation of Chief of Defence Staff's post, integration and jointness, reduction in teeth-to-tail ratio, and a younger profile of the Commanding Officers and soldiers. Many committees like the Arun Singh Committee, the Kargil Committee, and the Shekatkar Committee have made similar recommendations, he said. There will be no impact on operational preparedness, it will only get better, said Lt.Gen. C.B. Ponnappa, Adjutant General of the Army. The three Services have fast-tracked the recruitment process, officials said even as protests continue against the new scheme.

Lt.Gen. Puri said extensive deliberations were undertaken over the last two years and they had studied procedures in multiple countries such as the U.K., the U.S., and France.

It is essential to harness and use India's demographic dividend, Lt.Gen. Puri said.

On the training, Vice-Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi said the timelines would be compressed a bit with more use of simulators and latest methodology. Quality of training will be improved to make up for compressed timelines of training, he said.

"The first batch would be enrolled by December and training would commence by December 30," said Air Marshal S. K. Jha, Air Officer-in-Charge Personnel.

Haryana CM promises jobs for Agniveers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

Amid State-wide protests against Agnipath scheme, a new recruitment scheme by the Central government for the defence forces, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday announced to "guaranteed" employment to Agniveers in the State government after four years of service in the forces.

Mr. Khattar, in a tweet, said: "I announce to provide guaranteed jobs in State government to Agniveers after four-year service to the nation under Agnipath scheme."

His announcement evoked sharp reactions from the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as the leaders of the both parties referring to a large number of vacancies in various departments across State.

Uddhav govt. wobbles as several Sena MLAs rebel

Instead he asked Mr. Thackeray to form a government with the BJP. According to sources, a couple of MLAs reportedly tried to flee from the Surat hotel, but policemen deployed in the hotel did not allow them to leave the premises.

Earlier, the Sena removed Mr. Shinde from his post as the legislature party leader and appointed Ajay Chaudhari, MLA for Sewri in Mumbai, to the position.

Leaders of two other constituents of the MVA, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress, held a meeting with Mr. Thackeray on Tuesday evening. Both the parties have chosen to adopt a "wait and watch" strategy, clarifying that Mr. Shinde's move was an internal matter of the Shiv Sena.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar, addressing a press conference in Delhi, said that such attempts to dethrone the MVA had been made in the past.

"This is the Sena's internal matter," Mr. Pawar said.

The Congress, which too witnessed cross-voting in the Council polls, has decided to bring all its 44 MLAs to Mumbai. The party has sent senior leader Kamal Nath to Mumbai as an observer in the wake of Mr. Shinde's rebellion. H. K. Patil, party in-charge from the All India Congress Committee, said that the State government will not face any danger. Denying claims that Congress MLAs too were unreachable, the Maharashtra Congress said that all the party's MLAs had been contacted.

Mr. Shinde, along with Shiv Sena MLAs in his group, reached Surat late on Monday night. The Shinde camp has been claiming that it has support of 34 MLAs. Denying this, Sena sources said the meeting called by Mr. Thackeray at his official residence "Varsha" to counter the rebellion had 34 MLAs participating.

After landing in Surat, Mr. Shinde tweeted on Tuesday afternoon"We are staunch Shiv Sainiks of Balasaheb. Balasaheb taught us Hindutva. We will never betray Balasaheb's thoughts and Dharmaveer Anand Dighe's teachings for the sake of power."

On the draw

A staunch Sainik against Thackerays

Shinde, protege of late Anand Dighe, has been fuming for being sidelined

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI

A grassroots Shiv Sena worker who rose to become one of the most powerful leaders in the party, Eknath Shinde is known for his raw style of functioning which avoids publicity. Mr. Shinde has been the party's face in politically vital Thane and Palghar districts – bordering Mumbai – where he is responsible for the Sena's impressive performance in the Lok Sabha, the Assembly and the local body polls for over two decades.

Despite being a powerful mass leader within the party, only next to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's in comparison, Mr. Shinde has been fuming for being sidelined within the party fold. A four-time MLA from an urban seat of Thane, he was named as Legislature Party leader in 2014. Mr. Shinde handled an important department of the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) in the Devendra Fadnavis-led government. The MSRDC is constructing the ambitious Nagpur-Mumbai super communication highway worth over ₹55,000 crore. The project, was a brainchild of Mr. Fadnavis and Mr. Shinde, effectively implemented by both the leaders, paving the way for cordial relations between the two.

Eknath Shinde

It must be noted that while a number of Sena leaders have been probed by Central agencies or facing allegations, Mr. Shinde has not been accused publicly by BJP leaders. Mr. Shinde too has avoided targeting BJP despite the latter's continuous attack on the Sena and the Thackeray family.

According to close aides of Mr. Shinde, the roots of his rebellion can be found in constant interference from the CM office in his department and the coterie of Yuva Sena leaders, closer to Aaditya Thackeray, son of CM Uddhav Thackeray, who opposed and interfered in his decisions.

Mr. Shinde's frustration grew within the MVA after his recommendations for vital postings were overruled for the sake of relatively young party leaders from Yuva Sena close to junior Thackeray.

Mr. Shinde recently promoted a Marathi-film *Dharmaveer* on the life of late Anand Dighe, his mentor. The film has a dialogue promoting the punishment to those who betray the party. The irony is hard to miss.

'Youth join Army not just for money'

Agnipath will not be rolled back: NSA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval said on Tuesday that a clear message should be sent to the youth that those who join the armed forces are there just for the money, adding that the Agnipath scheme will not be rolled back and the reforms were in the making since 1970 but the "political will was missing".

Ajit Doval

He said the regimental system was a colonial legacy to divide the people of India but the Agnipath scheme will not tinker with it. He said that while there was a fear of the unknown in some quarters, protests were being fuelled by "conflict entrepreneurs".

Mr. Doval, in an interview with the news agency *Asian News International* (ANI), said the government's move was "not a knee-jerk reaction that has come overnight" but has been debated and discussed for over decades.

"In the 1970s, we had committees that talked about reorganisation and reforming the Army, including the usage of manpower, technology and others... in 2006, the then Defence Minister wrote a letter to the Ministry of Home Affairs, seeking to know if young cadets could be absorbed in the CPMFs (Central paramilitary forces). The MHA constituted a committee but there was no political will to implement the decision," he said. Mr. Doval said the regimental system will remain untouched under the scheme.

"The concept of regiments – nobody is tinkering with it. If there are regiments, then there will be regiments of artillery, electrical or mechanical engineers or mechanical engineers. They [the regiments] will continue... There is confusion among some sections of people about some units of infantry. There are only a few caste-based regiments left, only two or three, and this is a colonial legacy. Britishers wanted that nothing should be pan-India. They wanted to divide the people into sections so that they represent particular areas or sects so that there is no national perspective left among the soldiers, otherwise, there would have been a threat to their colonial empire," Mr. Doval said.

He said that Agniveers will never constitute the whole army.

"Agniveers will never constitute the whole army. Those Agniveers who become regulars eventually will undergo intensive training, acquire experience over a period of time," he said. He said Agnipath is not a "standalone" scheme and said that it was the Centre's priority to make India secure and strong. He said he had a message for the youth that "they should be positive, have faith in the nation, have faith in the leadership and also in yourself".

"Every youth who has got the desire and motivation and feels a sense of commitment to defend the country gets an opportunity. His energy and talent are used to make this country strong," Mr. Doval said.

Mob disrupts Yoga day in Maldives

Shock attack: A mob targeting participants at the Yoga Day event in the Maldives on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Maldives Police Service said it traced the items used by the attackers to the office of the Opposition Progressive Party of the Maldives, led by former President Abdulla Yameen, who is currently spearheading an "India Out" campaign. "As of now, the evidence indicates that the demonstrators were using items taken from the office of the Progressive Party of the Maldives (PPM)," the police said in a statement.

The perpetrators had "sought to incite fear by forcefully entering, destroying property, and attempting to assault participants of the event," the police said, after taking six men into custody.

Citizen's assistance

In a tweet on Tuesday, the Maldives police also sought citizens' assistance, by way of any evidence or information pertaining to the incident. Prior to the event, authorities noticed messages on social media deriding the "Yoga Day" event.

The messages claimed yoga was a Hindu mode of worship and urged people of the Islamic country to stay away from the practice.

Nearly 150 people, including many Maldivian citizens, diplomats, and senior government officials, were present at the venue on Tuesday morning, according to sources in Male. No-one was seriously hurt in the attack by the mob, they said.

The ruling Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) "unequivocally condemned" the "violent attack".

"These types of egregious and violent acts have no place in a peaceful democratic society such as ours," the party said in a statement on Tuesday, which noted that the Maldives has been marking 'World Yoga Day' since 2015.

Three CRPF men killed in Odisha

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR

Three personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force were killed in an ambush set up by suspected left-wing extremists at Bhainsadani in Odisha's Nuapada district on Tuesday. The deceased have been identified as Shishupal Singh and Shivlal, an assistant sub-inspectors, and Dharmendra Kumar Singh, a constable. A few CRPF personnel are reported to have suffered critical injuries. With this ambush, the extremists have made their presence felt after a gap of a few years.

While Shishupal belonged to Lalgari village under Aligarh, Shivlal is from Haryana and Dharmendra from Bihar

BJP had no hand in Shinde's rebellion: Chandrakant Patil

His party is in 'wait and watch' mode, says BJP leader

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Denying that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had any hand in triggering Maharashtra Minister Eknath Shinde's rebellion in the Shiv Sena, BJP State president Chandrakant Patil on Tuesday said the unrest within the tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, and particularly the Shiv Sena, had reached a peak.

He alleged that several Sena MLAs had wanted to ally with the BJP, and not the ideologically opposed Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress, since the MVA's formation.

Speaking in Mumbai over the political turmoil sparked by Mr. Shinde, Mr. Patil said that the latter's actions were the Shiv Sena's internal matter and that the BJP was presently in a "wait and watch" mode.

Mr. Patil said it was premature to say how the internal resentment within the Shiv Sena would benefit the BJP or translate into a "regime change".

He cryptically remarked and said that he would not be surprised if the internal resentment that was currently plaguing the Shiv Sena was observed within the Congress and the NCP in the near future as well.

"Many Sena legislators who did not want to leave 'Hindutva', had wished for a natural alliance with the BJP [in 2019]. They were dissatisfied with the MVA arrangement right from day one. After all, for how long can one run a government [led by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray] whose sole basis is that of teaching the BJP a lesson?" Mr. Patil said.

While the BJP and the Shiv Sena had jointly contested the 2019 Maharashtra Assembly election, the Sena severed its long-standing alliance with the BJP after bickering over the Chief Minister's post.

It then formed an alliance with the NCP and the Congress to keep the BJP out of power.

Career opportunities in digital age webinar

It is organised with Digital University

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

A webinar on 'Emerging Career Opportunities in the Digital Age' presented by Digital University Kerala and The Hindu Education Plus will be held on June 25 at 5 p.m.

Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Digital Sciences (KUDS), Innovation and Technology, and Shruthi George, Vice President, Sustainability & Innovation, Avery Dennison, the Netherlands will speak as a part of the webinar.

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Numbers game: all eyes on Nitish Kumar

In 2012, he voted for UPA presidential candidate Pranab Mukherjee while in alliance with the NDA

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties are counting on making the 16th Presidential election a close contest. By nominating Yashwant Sinha as their candidate, the Opposition is now hoping to bring Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal(U) to their side, to make the battle slightly more even. Over the last many weeks, the JD(U) and the BJP have been at each other's throats, and the latest point of friction is the government's new military recruitment scheme Agniveer.

Nitish Kumar has a curious history in Presidential elections. In 2012, when he was part of the NDA alliance, he had voted in favour of UPA nominee Pranab Mukherjee. And in 2017, while he was in a *mahagatbandhan* with the RJD, he voted for NDA nominee Ram Nath Kovind. Just weeks after Mr. Kovind was elected, Mr. Kumar had walked out of the grand alliance and returned to the NDA. In keeping with this trend, the Opposition parties are hoping that Mr. Kumar, to send out a message to BJP, with whom he has had an uneasy relationship since the Bihar 2020 Assembly results, could vote with them. The JD(U) leaders remain tight-lipped about the party's voting preference. The JD(U) has 22,769 votes which will push the Opposition tally past the 4.5 lakh mark.

Nitish Kumar, right, with former president Pranab Mukherjee at an event in Patna in April 2017. • FILE PHOTO

Only Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assemblies can vote in this election. The value of a vote for every MP is 700 and for each MLA, the value varies according to the strength of the population they represent.

Presidential polls more often than not are fixed matches where the result is known even before the game begins. The best bet for the Opposition is to make it a difficult contest by narrowing the government's victory margin and giving them a few anxious moments.

5.23 lakh votes

The way the numbers are stacked at present, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance has close to 5.23 lakh votes in the electoral college of over 10 lakh votes and is short of nearly 20,000 votes from the majority mark. It is hoping to make up this difference with the support of the Biju Janta Dal which has 31,705 votes and the YSR Congress which has 45,798 votes.

"It is a much closer fight than people assume it to be. And it won't be a cakewalk for the government," Congress general secretary (communication) Jairam Ramesh told *The Hindu*.

Eleven Opposition parties (the Congress, the Trinamool Congress, the DMK, the Shiv Sena, the NCP, the Samajwadi Party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the AIMIM, the JMM, the National Conference, the AIUDF) and the Left front together have 3.8 lakh votes. If the Telangana Rashtra Samithi and the Aam Aadmi Party were to extend support to Mr. Sinha, this number will go up to 4.26 lakh. The Opposition is counting on the support of many other smaller parties taking the number closer to the NDA tally.

In 2017, Opposition candidate Meira Kumar who fought against the incumbent President Ram Nath Kovind, got 3.67 lakh votes which was the highest votes polled by a losing candidate, breaking a 50-year-record.

Sinha: a virulent critic of Modi government

The bureaucrat-turned-politician was with the BJP for over two decades before resigning in 2018

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties that want to mount an ideological contest against the BJP are at pains to explain themselves for picking bureaucrat-turned-politician Yashwant Sinha who was for 22 years with the very party they seek to oppose.

The Opposition leaders quoted his record of the past four years, since he resigned from the BJP in 2018 as a virulent critic of the Narendra Modi government, as one of the reasons for his selection.

His son Jayant Sinha, who was Minister of State for Finance, in the first term of the Narendra Modi government, continues to be a BJP MP for Hazaribagh in Jharkhand which Mr. Sinha has represented in the past.

Mr. Sinha joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1960 and resigned in 1984, when he was Joint Secretary in the Union Ministry of Road Transport, to join active politics. He was with the former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar's Janata Party and also served as Finance Minister in his short-lived government between November 1990 and June 1991.

He joined the BJP in the run-up to the 1996 Lok Sabha election. He has served as Finance Minister and External Affairs Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.

Yashwant Sinha

Mr. Sinha fell out with the BJP leadership after he was denied party ticket in the 2014 Lok Sabha election. Over the next few years, he was pushed to the margins as the old guard was forced to make way for a Narendra Modi-centric BJP. After more than two decades with the BJP, he resigned from the party in 2018.

After trying to form a non-political platform, Mr. Sinha joined the Trinamool Congress Party last year. He quit the party on Tuesday morning, hours before his name was announced.

Abhishek Banerjee, national general secretary of the Trinamool Congress, credited Mr. Sinha for exposing the anti-people policies and autocratic rule of the Narendra Modi government.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury also spoke on similar lines. "In the last few years, Mr. Sinha has taken a very consistent anti-BJP and anti-Modi position. He has been part of Opposition movements on Rafael, demonetisation, and GST. More importantly, larger unanimity among the Opposition parties appeared on his name," he said.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said that prior to Mr. Sinha's association with the BJP, he was a socialist leader who had closely worked with Karpoori Thakur and also served as Finance Minister in a government supported by the Congress. "If I were to borrow the words of Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu, he has been a "persistent, consistent and insistent" critic of the Modi government, Mr. Ramesh said.

Droupadi Murmu ticked all boxes for the BJP

Woman, Adivasi and from the eastern part of India

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

BJP president J. P. Nadda, while announcing the name of former Jharkhand Governor Droupadi Murmu as the NDA's candidate for the Presidential election, said that it was the view of the BJP's Parliamentary Board that the candidate should be from the eastern part of India, a woman and from the Adivasi community, which has, till now, never had a representative to occupy the highest post in the country.

Ms. Murmu, 64, with her long career in education as a teacher, and in politics as a two-time MLA and Minister (between 2000 and 2004) in the coalition government of the Naveen Patnaik-led Biju Janata Dal-BJP government in the State and her record as being the first Governor of Jharkhand to complete the full term (2015-2021), more than fits the bill.

Ms. Murmu was born in Mayurbhanj in Odisha. She completed her graduation from Rama Devi Women's College in Bhubhaneswar, Odisha.

After working as an assistant professor at the Shri Aurobindo Integral Education and Research and as a junior assistant at the State Irrigation Department, she joined the BJP in 1997. If elected, Ms. Murmu will be the first President to be born after Independence.

In the 2000 Assembly election, she was elected from Rairangpur and made a Minister in the BJD-BJP coalition government in the State. As Minister, she handled various portfolios such as Transport and Commerce, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry till 2004, when she was re-elected as MLA.

In 2015, she was appointed Jharkhand Governor.

Ecstatic moment: Droupadi Murmu. • PTI

'It is a huge responsibility'

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR

Droupadi Murmu, the Presidential candidate of the National Democratic Alliance, said her candidature was a reflection of the value of '*Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas aur Sabka Vishwas*' (everyone's support, everyone's development and everyone's trust).

"No tribal person has ever occupied the post of President of India. My nomination as a candidate for the post of President of India is reflection of the value *Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas aur Sabka Vishwas*. I have called everyone who proposed my name for the post and thanked them," Ms. Murmu said, reacting to the news from her Rairangpur house in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district on Tuesday.

"I was among many people whose names were considered for the post of President of India. I believed whoever would have been nominated would have surely served the country to their fullest capacity. I was surprised at the declaration of my name for the post. This is a huge responsibility," the former Jharkhand Governor said.

Asked about the candidature of Yashwant Sinha, the joint Opposition candidate, Ms. Murmu said, "I have no comment on the candidature of Yashwant Sinha. I will tour every State, seeking the support of all parties and Members of Legislative Assemblies in favour of my candidature."

"I have not been in politics for six years. In July 2021, I left the Governorship of Jharkhand. During the past one year, I have never involved myself in any kind of politics," Ms. Murmu said. "I am confident that the Biju Janata Dal will support my candidature. In fact, I have a right on their votes. I am a daughter and daughter-in-law of Odisha," she said.

Modi lauds Murmu's service to society

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said Droupadi Murmu has devoted her life to serving society and expressed confidence that she will be a "great President".

"Droupadi Murmu Ji has devoted her life to serving society and empowering the poor, downtrodden as well as the marginalised. She has rich administrative experience and had an outstanding gubernatorial tenure. I am confident she will be a great President of our nation," Mr. Modi said in a tweet.

"Millions of people, especially those who have experienced poverty and faced hardships, derive great strength from the life of Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji. Her understanding of policy matters and compassionate nature will greatly benefit our country," he added.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the decision to nominate the former Jharkhand Governor as NDA candidate for presidential election and said the move will work to take the tribal pride to new heights.

In a series of tweets in Hindi, Mr. Shah said the announcement of Murmu's candidature for President is a reflection of the unwavering resolve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the welfare of women and tribal people.

Mr. Shah said Ms. Murmu has made a special identity in public life by spreading awareness about education in the tribal society and serving the public for a long time as a public representative.

A proud moment for Odisha, says Patnaik

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Expressing his happiness over the nomination of Droupadi Murmu as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) Presidential nominee, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) supremo and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said it was a proud moment for the people of his State.

"I was delighted when Hon'ble PM @narendramodi ji discussed this with me. It is indeed a proud moment for people of Odisha," Mr. Patnaik said in a tweet while congratulating Ms. Murmu on her candidature. Mr. Patnaik further said he's sure that Ms. Murmu "will set a shining example for women empowerment in the country".

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01	Construction of In stream Storage structure across river Nuanai near village Baligsali / Mohinipur pertaining to Puri Irrigation Division	OCCL-HQP/ 01/2022-23	24 (Twenty four) calendar months	From 24.06.2022, 03.30 PM to 08.08.2022, 5.30 PM	From 24.06.2022, 03.30 PM to 08.08.2022, 5.30 PM

Procurement Officer : Managing Director, OCCL
Date of Opening of the Technical Bid : 10.08.2022, 12.00 Noon
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AAVIN ILLAM, 3-A, NANDANAM, CHENNAI-600035. TELEPHONE: 044-23464500,
FAX : 044-23464505, E-Mail : aavindgmeng@yahoo.co.in
REF. NO : 6884/Proj.1/2022 NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-Submission) DATED : 21.06.2022
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The TCMPF Ltd., invites **TWO PART TENDERS** by way of **e-Submission through eProcurement Portal** from the reputed Contractors / Manufacturers / suppliers for following Equipment's / Machinery and Civil Works for Metro Dairies and Various DCMPU Ltd.,

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1.0	**Machinery Works**	
1.1	Establishment of 1 MT capacity Cheese Plant at Kakular Dairy at Kanchipuram – Thiruvallur DCMPU under NABARD 2021-22	Rs.15,14,000/-
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1.6	3 KLPH Homogenizer for Thiruvannamalai Dairy Curd Powder Plant under Own Fund	Rs.48,000/-
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Date of Pre Bid Meeting: For S.No. 1.1 to 1.6 : 11.07.2022 at 11.00 AM; For S.No. 2.1 to 2.4 : 06.07.2022 at 3.00 PM
E-Submission Closing Date: For S.No. 1.1 to 1.6 : 27.07.2022 upto 3.00 PM; For S.No. 2.1 to 2.4 : 13.07.2022 at 3.00 PM
Bid opening Date: The Technical Bids shall be opened through online eProcurement Portal (https://tntenders.gov.in) on following dates at above mentioned address. For S.No. 1.1 to 1.6 : 28.07.2022 at 2.30 PM. For S.No. 2.1 to 2.4 : 15.07.2022 at 3.30 PM
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Deputy General Manager (Engg.), TCMPF Ltd.,
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email : aphmhidc@gmail.com & ed.apmsidc16@gmail.com
Tender Notice No.5/APMSIDC/2022-23, Dated : 21-06-2022
APMSIDC invites tenders through e-procurement platform (https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in) for **Equipment Wing: 1)** Procure and supply of Equipment and other items to various Govt. Hospitals in A.P under different schemes of NHM Funds. **2)** Procure and supply of training modules (Booklets) to Sachivalayam Aarogya Mithras and MLHPs in A.P. **3)** Identification of vendor to manufacture, supply and erection of hoardings in all the sachivalayams, empanelled hospitals under Dr. YSRAHCT in A.P. **4)** Procure, Supply, installation and commissioning of CC cameras at Kiosks to monitor the Mithras and SMU in centralized location (Dr.YSRAHCT) with video management system and AI in A.P. **5)** Identification of vendor to manufacture, supply and installation of new Kiosk in all the network hospitals empanelled under Dr.YSRAHCT. **6)** Identification of vendor for implementation and integration of Chat box application in Dr.YSR Aarogyasri Mobile and Web applications in A.P.
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DIPR 1138/PP/CL, Dt: 21-06-2022 Sd/- Managing Director

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1st Floor, Jharkhand State Housing Board (Old Headquarter), Hamru Housing Colony, Ranchi-834002
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By order
(Rajendra Prasad Nayak)
Secretary

Government of Kerala
TENDER
FOREST & WILD LIFE DEPARTMENT
Window No:iprd 22/e 21•Tender No.R-2790/21(July-2022)•Divisional Forest Officer, Timber Sales Division, Kozhikode, vanasree, Mathottam, Arakinar P.O-673028, Phone-0495-2414702•E-auction sales of timber at Chaliyam, Parappa, Kannoth Kuppady & Baveli dumping depots on 07/07&22/07/22,15/07/22,07,15,30/07/22,15,30/07/22&07,22/07/22 respectively•PAC:7 Crore. Window No:iprd 22/e 22•Tender No.A2-2877/2021•Divisional Forest Officer, Timber Sales Division, Perumbavoor, Mudikkal P.O-683547, Phone-0484-2522219•E-auction of timber on 05/07,13/07,20/07,27/07/22,04/08,12/08,23/08 & 30/08/2022 from Chalakudy, veettoor, Mudickal, Chettikulam & Varapuzha depots of Timber sales division, Perumbavoor• PAC : 2 Crore.
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CIN No: U85110KA1970SGC001919
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Bids in two covers are invited through e-procurement portal **(Website URL-https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for the work of **"Modification of existing CO2 Fire Extinguisher System of Unit No. 1&2 at Sharavathy Generating Station"** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works as specified in pre-qualifying requirements. EMD : **Rs. 50,000/-** Last date & time for on-line submission of tenders : **04.07.2022 up to 17:30 Hrs**. Opening of the Technical Bid: **06.07.2022 at 10:00 Hrs.** Further Details can be obtained from office of the **Executive Engineer (Generator) Jog**, SGS, KPCL, Jogfalls - 577 435, Shimoga Dist. Mobile No. : 9449598804.

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The person named Vijayan Betha, Age 48/22, S/o Betha Attathu HO, Muthappan Puzha PO, Kozhikode Dist. Kerala, whose photograph shown above is missing from Thiruvambady limit on 22/01/2022. A case is registered in above matter as Crime No. 14/2022, U/S 57 of KP Act at Thiruvambady Police Station. If any information received inform to the numbers given below.

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F.->( )RAJUVAS/Reg./R & P/KVK/2022/29 Date :- 18/06/2022
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Online Applications are invited for recruitment on the following posts in ICAR funded Krishi Vigyan Kendra of this University:-
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For detailed information along with general terms and conditions, essential qualifications, online application form, score card etc., please visit University website **www.rajuvas.org**. Facility for filling up of online application form shall start from **10:00AM of 22/06/2022** and the last date and time for submission of online applications is up to **5.00 PM on 12/07/2022.**
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EMD : Rs. 500000/-. Tender fee : Rs. 17700/-. Last Date for submitting Tender : 11-07-2022, 03:00:pm. Phone : 0487-2423230.
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
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Assam reels under floods, six more die

Devastation continues despite pause in rain across the northeast; rescue operations continue

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Villagers with relief materials going back to their home on a boat in Morigaon district of Assam on Tuesday. •RITU RAJ KONWAR

Much of the northeast had an almost rainless day on Tuesday but there was no respite for people across the flood-hit areas, especially in the western and southern parts of Assam.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), six people died in the last 24 hours to take the flood-and-landslip death toll since April to 88.

"So far, 53.94 lakh people have been affected across 5,123 villages in 31 districts and crops in 108,030.98 hectares have been damaged," an ASDMA spokesperson said. The water level in Kaziranga National Park receded marginally.

Floods and landslips have so far claimed 126 lives in the northeast, 32 of them in Meghalaya and six in Arunachal Pradesh.

On Tuesday, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inspected the flood-hit areas of Nalbari district and visited several relief camps. His Meghalaya counterpart, Conrad K. Sangma, assessed the flash flood damage in West and South Garo Hills districts.

Situation critical

The NDRF was rushed to Cachar in Barak Valley of Assam for rescue operations as the flood situation remained critical with the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers along with its tributaries in spate.

"Four units of the NDRF from Bhubaneswar totalling 105 personnel have been sent to Silchar to carry out rescue operations in Barak Valley," Mr. Sarma said and thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the "prompt action and help".

In Cachar, a population of 2,07,143 in 449 villages have been affected, while in Karimganj 1,33,865 in 305 villages were hit by the flood, according to the bulletin issued by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority.

The calamity has affected 125 revenue circles and 5,424 villages across Assam forcing 2,31,819 people to take shelter in 810 relief camps.

In Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, 14 of the total 25 camps have been inundated though there are no reports of animal casualty so far, officials said.

Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR) has cancelled, short terminated or diverted several trains following damages in railway tracks due to flood induced breaches, a NFR official said.

(With inputs from PTI)

As Amarnath yatra draws near, 4 more militants killed

J&K witnessed 100% increase in militants' killing this year

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Taking control: Army jawans rushing towards the encounter site at Tujjan in Pulwama district on Tuesday. •NISSAR AHMAD

Four more militants were killed in stepped-up anti-militancy operations in Kashmir on Tuesday, taking the toll to 11 in the past three days, as the annual Amarnath yatra draws near. Also, five residential houses were attached in capital Srinagar for allegedly harbouring militants.

The police said two Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) militants were encircled and engaged in an overnight gunfight in Tujjan village in south Kashmir's Pulwama.

"Both (trapped militants) were killed on Tuesday morning. One slain militant, Majid Nazir Wani from Banpora Ladoo in Pulwama's Pampore, was involved in the recent killing of sub-inspector Farooq Ahmad," Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Pulwama, Ghuman Jeelani said.

"A few persons were questioned after the SI's killing and they disclosed that Wani was behind it," Mr. Jeelani added.

Mr. Jeelani said Wani was a categorised militant. The other slain militant was identified as Abid Ahmad Sheikh from Barpora Pulwama.

Meanwhile in north Kashmir, the police said two militants were killed in a joint operation of the Army, police and CRPF in Sopore's Tulibal area.

"During a search operation, terrorists fired indiscriminately in Tulibal area. In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were killed," the police said.

The slain militants were identified as Zahid Ahmad Chopan from Shopian's Tengwani area and Muhammad Youns Gul from Pulwama's Washbugh.

Security forces have stepped up operations in Kashmir with the intelligence agencies suggesting that the upcoming yatra was on the militants' radar.

Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar said this year Kashmir has witnessed a 100% increase in militants' killing during encounters. "In 2021, a total of 55 militants were killed up to June, compared to 118 this year," he said.

IN BRIEF

Three accused in Bulli Bai App case get bail

MUMBAI

The city civil and sessions court on Tuesday granted bail to three accused — Neeraj Singh, Neeraj Bishnoi (seen in photo), and Aumkareshwar Thakur — in the Bulli Bai App case, which was curated to 'auction' Muslim women by doctoring their photographs.

Indrani's ex-husband gets bail in Sheena Bora case

MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday granted bail to Sanjeev Khanna, former husband of Indrani Mukherjea and accused in the Sheena Bora murder case. A Single Bench of Justice Bharati Dangre granted bail on a cash bond of ₹1 lakh. On May 19, the Supreme Court granted bail to Ms. Mukherjea.

Student who tweeted against Pawar gets relief

MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday granted interim bail to the 22-year-old student who has been put in jail for a month for tweeting objectionable content against Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar. A criminal petition filed by Nagpur resident Nikhil Bhamre, 22, sought to quash six first information reports registered against him.

ED hounding Rahul, alleges Congress

'Personal vendetta' behind questioning Congress leader for more than 55 hours over five days: Singhvi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Unique move: Youth Congress members wearing Rahul Gandhi's mask during a protest in New Delhi. •R.V. MOORTHY

The Narendra Modi government is "hounding" Rahul Gandhi through the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for speaking up against the failures of the government, the Congress alleged on Tuesday as Mr. Gandhi was questioned for the fifth day by the agency in a money laundering case linked to the *National Herald* newspaper.

Addressing a press conference, the party's spokesperson and senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi alleged that the questioning of Mr. Gandhi for more than 55 hours and over five days was because of "personal vendetta". It was "aimed at distracting the country" from the core issues of inflation, unemployment, and the Agnipath scheme, he said.

Mr. Singhvi said the ED's action was "illegal and unconstitutional", and added, "the BJP is high on its rage and that is why it has made the ED its cage".

Mr. Gandhi, whose questioning on Monday went on until half past midnight, arrived at the ED's office around 11.15 a.m. on Tuesday. He sat through the questioning without taking any lunch break and took a 45-minute break around 8 p.m. and re-joined the session.

Earlier in the day, senior party leaders, including Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot; his Chhattisgarh counterpart, Bhupesh Baghel; Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal; and Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, sat on a *dharna* at the party's headquarters.

Subsequently, when the leaders announced that they wanted to march to Jantar Mantar, the police prevented them for lack of permission.

Several Congress workers and MPs were detained, including Benny Behanan, Anto Anthony, Deepak Baij, Saptagiri Ulaka, Gaurav Gogoi, Ranjeet Ranjan, Amee Yajnik, Santhokh Singh, K. Suresh, Chella Kumar, Kuldeep Rai Sharma and Mohd Zawaid, besides former Minister Bhakta Charan Das, Chhattisgarh Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, and ex-MP Kamal Kishore Commando.

Mr. Baghel then sat on the road outside the Congress office along with his supporters. And on a day when the Congress-supported Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in Maharashtra faced a major political crisis, the Chhattisgarh CM accused the Centre of trying to destabilise his government.

Mr. Gehlot alleged that BJP leaders were masquerading as believers of democracy but in reality were "fascists".

"The troubling and the harassment of Rahul Gandhi is an outcome of BJP's fight and fuss with him personally. It is an outcome of the vendetta personally...Why all this after seven years? Why all this for 5 days and 55 hours after seven years?" Mr. Singhvi asked.

Hundreds of Youth Congress workers, led by its chief B.V. Srinivas, also shouted slogans against the Prime Minister wearing a Rahul Gandhi face mask.

Assam police killed 51 since May 2021, says govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The Assam police killed 51 people and injured 139 since May 2021, the State government has said in an affidavit submitted to the Gauhati High Court.

The affidavit was in connection with a public interest litigation petition on fake encounters that came up for hearing on Tuesday. The case was listed for another hearing on July 29.

Delhi-based lawyer and activist Arif Jwadder had sought an order for the registration of a first information report in the cases of alleged fake encounters and an independent investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation, a special investigation team or a team from the police force of another State under the supervision of the High Court.

He had demanded a judicial inquiry by a sitting judge of the High Court into the alleged encounters.

Soon after taking charge as the Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma had announced a crackdown on alleged drug dealers, smugglers, murderers, cattle lifters and rapists. Some were killed in custody, often while "trying to escape after snatching a policeman's firearm", while several others were shot in the leg.

Court denies CBI probe into death of student

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition seeking a probe by the CBI into the death of student leader Anish Khan.

Anish's father, Salem Khan, filed the petition, but Justice Rajasekhar Mantha said the court was of the view that there was no need for transfer of investigation to any third agency.

"In the instant case, the SIT [special investigation team] itself has implicated some police officials in its investigation report, finding fault with the manner and conduct of the raid. The petitioner's apprehension that the accused police officers would be shielded by the police is therefore devoid of merit. In the facts of the case, merely because some police officers are involved there is no need for apprehending of impropriety in the investigation or the trial as the SIT is comprised of very highly ranked police personnel," Justice Mantha said in the order. Anish was found dead in the early hours of February 19 after three policemen forcibly entered his house at Amta in Howrah. The State government has set up the SIT.

In the order, Justice Mantha said that the investigation conducted by the SIT was "in order, as of now". "Chargesheet shall be filed immediately. The SIT always has powers to conduct further investigation, inter alia, upon discovery of new evidence and file supplementary chargesheets, if necessary," the order said.

According to the court, Advocate-General S.N. Mookherjee's submission that Anish died of a fall from the second floor of his house is the most plausible conclusion.

Sangli deaths: 13 held for alleged harassment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

The Sangli Police arrested 13 persons, several of them moneylenders, a day after nine of a family were found dead in the district on Monday.

The police initially booked 25 people for harassing the family and for abetting suicide. Of them, 13 were arrested.

The bodies were found in two locations at Mhaisal village in Sangli Miraj taluk on Monday. The dead were two brothers (a veterinary doctor and a teacher), their mother, wives and children.

Authorities said the family, which was experiencing financial distress, was being allegedly harassed by moneylenders. The police recovered suicide notes from the home that revealed the names of these lenders and other persons.

(Those who require assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts may contact Sanjivini helpline at 011-4076 9002.)

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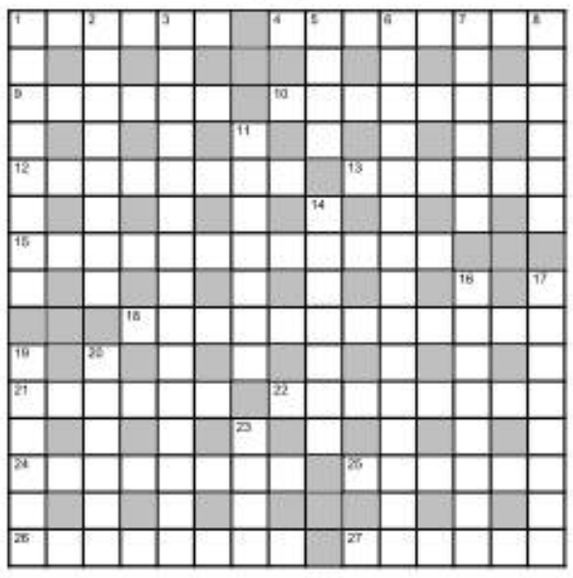

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1 Folk in the ground heading to Chepauk (6)
4 Poem in three lines originally in Tamil's deep...consuming time (8)
9 Taste a baguette...essentially it's served with dips (3,3)
10 Say Amarnath, parliamentarian eats vada (with hole) in party fixture (4,4)
12 Girl feeling tense had to lie (8)
13 Perhaps, I can be batting around cricket match player (6)
15 Driver drinking American beer carelessly — he's reneged a contract (5,7)
18 Remain doubtful of Reverend's commission on the luxury car (2,2,3,5)
21 Detective probing support group on-line for hives? (6)
22 Son in place of daughter touring Brown University (8)
24 European snake caught in elevator — it doesn't let you go down (4,4)
25 Show partly turning free? Never! (6)
26 Compact twin cycles carrying teens regularly (8)
27 Fly? What Hypatia does in terrace on vacation (6)

Down

1 Guess author's residing in manor (8)
2 Leaves shade (5,3)
3 Cruel Tsar almost believing that criminal admits mistake (4,3,8)
5 Fictional King switches sides for official (4)
6 Make a digital call? (4,4,7)
7 Type of gangster entertained by one jerk (6)
8 Buzz about hero's first name — Mark? (6)
11 Repetitive issue ultimately appearing in Tech complaint (7)
14 Engineer came without the new tool (7)
16 Department stops working online, ultimately corrupt and lazy (8)
17 Policeman needs information about royal lady (8)
19 Cigar lit holding tip of lighter has a pungent flavour (6)
20 Fight at home for meal (6)
23 Roofs of vinyl are not safe for vehicles (4)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13588

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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4	1	7	6	2	8	3	9	5
9	2	5	4	7	3	6	1	8
5	4	9	7	1	6	8	3	2
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FAITH

Ishta Devata worship

Not all are endowed with devotion to God, and the purana stories on Siva, Vishnu, Muruga or Ambal are the basis for many of us to cultivate faith and devotion to God. Devotion that is directed to any of these deities is known as bhakti to Ishta Devata, pointed out Sri B. Sundarkumar in a discourse. In the Gita, the Lord explains the nuances in the concept of Ishta devata worship. He says that when people are swayed by their desires, their inherent swabhava prompts each one of them to seek divine help. They worship the various deities and pray to them to grant them their wishes as well as for guidance to enable them to cross the vicissitudes of life. "Whatever deity a jiva wants to worship, I will strengthen his devotion," says the Lord. He explains the truth that God is the antaryami in all the forms of deities that people worship. It is He who grants their desires. He does so to strengthen their devotion.

Moreover, we may not understand that all our desires will bring us good. What is desirable may not always be beneficial to us. In addition, when one desire gets fulfilled it is not an end in itself. It leads to yet other desires and the list is never ending. But by granting some desires, God leads us to seek what is ultimately good for us.

But Ishta Devata devotion should not encourage the tendency to belittle other deities. A true devotee should take the cue from Narayana Bhattathiri, in whose perception there is only one God who takes many forms for different purposes in every Yuga. He should cultivate the same bhava and see his Ishta devata in the many forms and deities. Bhakti and jnana grow hand in hand and the mature devotee, though convinced about his faith, will understand that all distinctions in name, functions, etc, are merely external.

Russia warns of 'consequences' over Kaliningrad rail blockade

Moscow says Vilnius' curbs on rail traffic to the exclave violates legal obligations

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Moscow warned Lithuania of "serious" consequences on Tuesday over its restriction of rail traffic to Russia's Kaliningrad exclave, as Kremlin forces made gains in Ukraine's strategic Donbas region.

Kremlin troops were causing "catastrophic destruction" in Lysychansk, an industrial city at the forefront of clashes in the eastern Donbas, the region's Governor said. Ukraine confirmed Russia had taken frontline village Toshkivka.

Governor Sergiy Gaiday said "every town and village" in Ukrainian hands in Luhansk region was "under almost non-stop fire".

Since being repelled from Kyiv and other parts of Ukraine following its invasion in February, Moscow is focusing its offensive on the strategic Donbas region.

Constant barrage: A structure on fire after it was hit by a projectile on Monday in Druzhkivka, Ukraine. • GETTY IMAGES

Flash point

In the eastern town of Sloviansk, which could become a flash point as Russian troops advance from the north, local people were preparing to withstand attack and the authorities said the community would defend itself.

The stakes are high. The town was seized by Russia-backed separatists in 2014 and then retaken by Ukrainian forces after a lengthy siege.

Russia's war of words with EU member Lithuania escalated on Tuesday, vowing "serious" consequences over Vilnius' restrictions on rail traffic to the exclave of Kaliningrad.

Lithuania says it is simply adhering to EU-wide sanctions on Moscow but Russia countered, accusing Brussels of "escalation".

Moscow summoned the EU's Ambassador to Russia. Its Foreign Ministry said Lithuania's actions "violate the relevant legal and political obligations of the European Union".

On the ground, the police chief of the Kyiv region said victims of the Russian attempt to seize the capital city continued to be found. So far, the bodies of 1,333 civilians have been discovered and 300 people still missing.

U.S. Navy, Iran in tense encounter

American warship fired a warning flare at an IRGC speedboat in Strait of Hormuz

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DUBAI

A U.S. Navy warship fired a warning flare to wave off an Iranian Revolutionary Guard speedboat coming straight at it during a tense encounter in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, officials said on Tuesday.

The incident on Monday involving the Guard and the Navy comes as tensions remain high over stalled negotiations over Iran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers and as Tehran enriches uranium closer than ever to weapons-grade levels under decreasing international oversight.

Meanwhile, the UN's nuclear watchdog said Iran now plans to enrich uranium through a second set of advanced centrifuges at its underground Fordo facility amid the stand-off.

A photo of an Iranian Revolutionary Guard boat in close proximity to a U.S. Navy warship in the Strait of Hormuz. • AFP

The Cyclone-class patrol ship *USS Sirocco* and Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport *USNS Choctaw County* found themselves in the close encounter with three Iranian fast boats while coming through the Strait of Hormuz to enter the Persian Gulf, the Navy said.

Unsafe incident

In a video released by the Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, a high-speed Guard Boghammar is seen turning head-on toward the *Sirocco*. The *Sirocco* repeatedly blows its horn at the Boghammar, which turns away as it closes in. The flare shot can be heard, but not seen, as the Boghammar passes the *Sirocco* with the Iranian flag flying above it.

The Navy said the Boghammar came within 50 yards (45 m) of the *Sirocco*, raising the risk of the vessels running into each other. The overall encounter lasted about an hour, the Navy said.

The Guard's "actions did not meet international standards of professional or safe maritime behavior, increasing the risk of miscalculation and collision," the Navy said.

Iran did not immediately acknowledge the incident in the strategic waterway – a fifth of all traded oil passes through the strait.

The Navy separately said this marked the second so-called "unsafe and unprofessional" incident it had with Iran in recent months.

On March 4, three Guard ships had a tense encounter for over two hours with Navy and U.S. Coast Guard vessels as they travelled out of the Persian Gulf through the strait, the Navy said. In that incident, the Guard's catamaran Shahid Nazeri came within 25 yards of the USCGC Robert Goldman, the Navy said.

EU to grant Ukraine 'candidate status'

'No opposition within 27-nation bloc'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BRUSSELS

EU officials said on Tuesday that there was no opposition within the 27-nation bloc to granting war-torn Ukraine "candidate status", ahead of a summit expected to green light the move.

The bloc's executive arm last week proposed taking the symbolic first step to put Ukraine on the years-long path towards EU membership in a strong sign of support for Kyiv.

A two-day summit from Thursday looks set to approve the move to formally name Ukraine and Moldova "candidates" to start negotiations on joining. The EU is expected to impose conditions on over judicial reforms and tackling corruption, among other issues, before they could move on to formal entry negotiations. It would then take years – if not decades – of painstaking evaluations before Ukraine would get close to becoming an actual member.

Momentum has picked up for the EU to open the door to Ukraine after the leaders of heavyweights France, Germany and Italy threw their heft behind the move on a visit to Kyiv last week.

U.S. Attorney General visits Ukraine

REUTERS
WASHINGTON

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland visited Ukraine on Tuesday where he will discuss efforts to identify, arrest and prosecute those involved in war crimes and other atrocities committed during Russia's invasion, a Justice Department official said.

Mr. Garland is slated to meet with Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova, the department official told reporters. Speaking to reporters in Ukraine, Mr. Garland said: "I'm here to express the unwavering support of the U.S. for the people of Ukraine."

Israeli coalition fast-tracks Bill to dissolve Parliament

Alliance loses majority after defections from Yamina; country will have its fifth elections in three years

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JERUSALEM

Israel's outgoing coalition government will fast-track a Bill this week to dissolve Parliament, setting up the country for its fifth elections in three years, a Cabinet Minister said Tuesday.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett announced on Monday that he would disband his alliance of eight ideologically diverse parties, a year after taking office, and send the country to the polls. A series of defections from his Yamina party had stripped the coalition of its majority in Israel's Parliament, known as the Knesset.

Naftali Bennett

Mr. Bennett cited the coalition's failure earlier this month to extend a law that grants West Bank settlers special legal status as a main impetus for new elections. His key ally, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, will become the caretaker Prime Minister until a new government is formed in the aftermath of elections, which are expected to be held in October.

Welfare Minister Meir Cohen, a member of Lapid's Yesh Atid party, told Israeli public broadcaster Kan that the coalition would bring the Bill to a preliminary vote on Wednesday.

A parliamentary committee approved holding a preliminary vote to dissolve parliament on Wednesday, with a final vote expected early next week.

New elections raise the possibility that former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, now Opposition leader, will be able to stage a comeback. Mr. Netanyahu was ousted by the eight-party alliance after four inconclusive elections that were largely seen as referendums on the his fitness to rule.

The alliance's factions range from dovish liberals opposed to Israeli settlements to hawkish ultranationalists who reject Palestinian statehood. It was only their opposition to Mr. Netanyahu that brought them together.

Mr. Netanyahu is currently on trial for corruption but has denied any wrongdoing, dismissing the charges as a witch hunt by his political opponents. Israeli law does not explicitly state that a politician under indictment may not become Prime Minister.

As politicians gear up for fall elections, several coalition members have floated the possibility of passing a law before the Knesset disbands that would bar a lawmaker accused of a crime from serving as Prime Minister.

Finance Minister Avigdor Lieberman said the aim of his Yisrael Beytenu party in the elections is "to prevent Benjamin Netanyahu from returning to power." He also said he would advance legislation to bar a lawmaker under indictment from assuming the premiership.

Macron holds talks with parties, says PM won't resign

French President's camp seeks moderates to work with

REUTERS
PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron refused to accept his Prime Minister's resignation and met with Opposition leaders on Tuesday as he sought a way out of a political predicament after losing his parliamentary majority.

Disaffected voters angry over spiralling inflation and Mr. Macron's perceived indifference towards hard-up families delivered a hung Parliament in Sunday's election, leaving the President's centrist alliance several dozen seats short of a ruling majority. It means his centrist Ensemble bloc will need to find support from among the Opposition benches in order to salvage his reform agenda.

Emmanuel Macron

Mr. Macron's opponents said it was time he learned to listen to others and that support would come at a cost. Christian Jacob, leader of the conservative Les Republicains, said Mr. Macron had been "arrogant" during his first term.

Les Republicains provide the most obvious place for Mr. Macron to find support. The conservatives' economic platform is largely compatible with Mr. Macron's.

Seeking allies

However, the conservatives have so far ruled out a formal German-style coalition pact. Mr. Macron's camp has said it hoped to find moderates on both the political right and left with whom it can work.

Olivier Faure, leader of the Parti Socialiste, which joined the left-wing Nupes bloc ahead of the election, said his party could back some policy proposals – but only if Macron took on board their ideas.

Tunisia's Saied confirms no state religion

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TUNIS

Tunisian President Kais Saied confirmed on Tuesday that a draft constitution to be put to a referendum on July 25 will not enshrine Islam as the "religion of the state".

"The next constitution of Tunisia won't mention a state with Islam as its religion, but of belonging to an umma (community) which has Islam as its religion," he told journalists. "The umma and the state are two different things."

Saied took delivery of the draft text on Monday, a key step in his drive to overhaul the Tunisian state after he sacked the government and seized far-reaching powers last July in moves opponents called a coup.

U.K. hit by biggest rail strike in 30 years

RMT rail union seeks wage increase to keep up with 40-year high inflation

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Rush-hour commuters in the U.K. faced chaos on Tuesday as railway workers launched the network's biggest strike in more than three decades, forcing people to trek to work on foot, by bike, bus - or simply not bother at all.

The RMT rail union argues the strikes are necessary as wages have failed to keep pace with U.K. inflation, which has hit a 40-year high and is on course to keep rising.

Last-ditch talks to avert the work stoppage broke down on Monday, meaning more than 50,000 RMT members will walk out for three days this week.

Train and London Underground stations, normally a sea of people for the morning rush to work, were deserted or even locked, with just a skeleton service running on many networks across the country.

On hold: The Waterloo Station remains closed in London on Tuesday as rail strike hits the U.K. • AFP

Passengers were warned not to travel all week, with two more days of strike action scheduled for Thursday and Saturday wreaking havoc to schedules.

In London, cab firms reported a surge in demand, while main roads were packed with buses and cars, with cyclists weaving in between.

Long queues formed at bus stops on the outskirts of London shortly after 6.00 a.m., but many gave up as services carried on without stopping, already full.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson, addressing his cabinet, urged "the union barons to sit down with Network Rail and the train companies" to thrash out a deal.

The country needed to "stay the course", defending reforms to the rail network as needed and in the public interest.

RMT general-secretary Mick Lynch has described as "unacceptable" offers of below-inflation pay rises by both overground train operators and London Underground, which runs the Tube in the capital.

The walkouts risk causing significant disruption to major events including the Glastonbury music festival.

The strikes are the biggest dispute on Britain's railway network since 1989, according to the RMT. Rail operators, however, warn of disruption throughout the week.

Only about 20 percent of services are running during the walkouts and half of all lines are closed.

Those lines that are still open are running at reduced capacity.

MARKET WATCH

	21-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	52,532	1.81
US Dollar	78.13	-0.19
Gold	50,686	-0.09
Brent oil	114.52	0.54

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	689.10	25.95
Apollo Hosp	3808.20	-3.50
Asian Paints	2678.35	17.65
Axis Bank	636.50	8.20
Bajaj Auto	3645.25	29.30
Bajaj Finserv	11749.90	40.25
Bajaj Finance	5549.15	78.70
Bharti Airtel	654.30	13.40
BPCL	301.20	5.15
Britannia Ind	3429.30	50.70
Cipla	938.20	12.35
Coal India	184.80	7.95
Divis Lab	3599.50	65.95
Dr Reddys Lab	4268.65	116.85
Eicher Motors	2702.80	79.55
Grasim Ind	1334.10	18.10
HCL Tech	986.60	26.55
HDFC	2174.70	38.45
HDFC Bank	1336.55	14.40
HDFC Life	564.45	11.30
Hero MotoCorp	2499.20	46.65
Hindalco	339.25	17.75
Hind Unilever	2205.00	9.10
ICICI Bank	696.10	10.15
Indusind Bank	798.85	14.80
Infosys	1449.90	35.75
ITC	269.90	5.80
JSW Steel	576.20	25.85
Kotak Bank	1681.50	2.30
L&T	1500.30	28.50
M&M	997.95	15.25
Maruti Suzuki	7780.60	119.65
Nestle India Ltd.	16971.80	4.70
NTPC	139.95	2.70
ONGC	139.10	4.70
PowerGrid Corp	210.35	2.10
Reliance Ind	2584.10	41.05
SBI Life	1096.35	20.40
State Bank	450.75	16.05
Shree Cement	18551.35	137.35
Sun Pharma	817.45	12.15
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	727.25	10.40
Tata Motors	397.60	14.90
Tata Steel	884.80	23.40
TCS	3211.95	99.55
Tech Mahindra	1000.10	20.75
Titan	2078.10	116.40
UltraTech Cement	5418.90	85.60
UPL	654.20	13.75
Wipro	425.15	10.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 21

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.87	78.19
Euro	82.18	82.52
British Pound	95.45	95.84
Japanese Yen (100)	57.29	57.53
Chinese Yuan	11.62	11.68
Swiss Franc	80.47	80.81
Singapore Dollar	56.22	56.46
Canadian Dollar	60.13	60.38
Malaysian Ringitt	17.69	17.79
Australian Dollar	54.09	54.31

Source:Indian Bank

PwC set to buy Venerate

NEW DELHI

PwC India said it has agreed to acquire Venerate Solutions Pvt. Ltd., a move that it expects will add to its talent pool while building Salesforce consulting practice.

5G to account for 39% of India's subscriptions by 2027: Ericsson

Telecom firm sees 5G subscribers totalling about 50 million by the end of 2023

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The number of subscriptions to India's 5G services, which are likely to be rolled out from later this year, is expected to reach about 500 million, or 39% of all subscribers, by 2027, telecom equipment maker Ericsson said in a report on Tuesday.

Noting that 4G was currently the dominant subscription type driving connectivity growth in India, Ericsson said in its Mobility Report (June 2022) that the commercial introduction of 5G networks was planned for the second half of 2022, with enhanced mobile broadband expected to initially be the main use case.

Data hungry: Total mobile data traffic in India is estimated to grow fourfold between 2021 and 2027, says Ng. •S. K. MOHAN

"With increasing availability and affordability of 5G smartphones, along with rapid adoption of smartphones in urban and rural areas, 5G subscriptions are expected to rapidly increase to reach around 50 million... by the end of 2023," it said, adding 5G would represent about 39% of subscriptions at the end of 2027, with about 500 million accounts.

"Total mobile data traffic in the India region is estimated to grow by a factor of 4 between 2021 and 2027," said Thiaw Seng Ng, Head of Network Evolution, SEA, Oceania and India, Ericsson. "This is driven by high growth in the number of smartphone users and an increase in average usage per smartphone," he added.

Ericsson added that while India presented significant opportunities, it also held challenges for service providers. It pointed out that average revenue per user for telcos remained low despite a recent increase in the price of data. "Moreover, India has some of the highest prices for spectrum in the world, constraining service providers' ability to invest in infrastructure," the company said.

'Non-bank PPI issuers can't load via credit'

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MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank has asked non-bank prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers not to load their wallets and cards from credit lines or preset borrowing limits.

PPIs are instruments that facilitate purchase of goods and services, financial services, and remittance facilities, against the value stored therein.

As per the Master Directions on Prepaid Payment Instruments issued by the central bank, PPIs are permitted to be loaded / reloaded by cash, debit to a bank account, credit and debit cards, PPIs and other payment instruments issued by regulated entities in India and shall be in Indian rupees (INR) only.

Sensex surges almost 2% as commodity prices ebb

Top gainers include Titan, SBI, TCS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices rose almost 2% on Tuesday spurred by sliding commodity prices and the absence of fresh selling triggers.

The S&P BSE Sensex added 934.23 points, or 1.81%, to 52,532.07 amid fresh buying at low levels. The Sensex stocks which gained the most included Titan (5.92%), State Bank (3.79%), TCS (3.17%), Dr. Reddy's (2.84%), HCL Tech (2.81) and Tata Steel (2.68%).

The NSE Nifty-50 index rose 288.65 points, or 1.88%, to 15,638.80.

"Absence of fresh selling triggers in the domestic and global economy along with falling commodity prices relieved the heavily discounted equity market, to showcase recovery," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

"The recovery indicates that the current uncertainties of inflation and monetary policy tightening have been factored in," he said. "However, with the highly sensitive nature of the current equity market, even the slightest inconvenience can trigger volatility," he added.

Oracle eyes govt., regulated units for cloud

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

Oracle on Tuesday introduced the 'OCI dedicated Region' for the Indian market in a bid to tap the government sector and regulated entities.

This would enable customers leverage public cloud while meeting strict latency and data-sovereignty requirements.

"We have seen cloud adoption has advanced in the last two to three years since the pandemic... but if you see the migration journey, still only 20-30% of workloads have moved to cloud... as many customers have quite a unique requirement around data residency and security," said Kapil Makhija, VP-Technology Cloud, Oracle India.

Hope to clinch FTA with U.K. by Deepavali: Goyal

Bilateral trade stood at $16 bn in FY22

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal has expressed the hope that the free trade agreement (FTA) between India and the United Kingdom (U.K.) will be concluded by Deepavali.

The Minister for Commerce and Industry and Textiles said the government was moving ahead on FTAs with Canada, European Union and the U.K.

Mr. Goyal also informed that Australia, Israel and the Gulf Cooperation Council countries had expressed an interest to forge FTAs with India, along with Brazil.

Deepavali in October was set as the timeline for a draft FTA after British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's talks with PM Narendra Modi during the former's visit to the country last month.

Piyush Goyal

"We are moving ahead on FTAs with Canada, EU, U.K. and Australia," Mr. Goyal said. "I am hopeful that by Diwali, India-U.K. FTA will be concluded," he added.

Total trade between India and the U.K. stood at $16 billion in the first 11 months of FY22 (April-February).

Akasa Air's first 737 Max lands in Delhi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Akasa Air, backed by billionaire Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, on Tuesday received its first aircraft, a Boeing 737 MAX, at the Indira Gandhi International Airport.

The airline expects to operate the 'proving flights' for DGCA's Air Operating Permit (AOP), which airlines need to begin commercial flights, next week, CEO Vinay Dube told journalists.

Akasa plans to apply for airport slots in July and start flights by the month end with two aircraft, scaling it up to 18 jets by March.

On plans to connect metros with tier-2 and tier-3 cities, Mr. Dube said, "there is growth everywhere and that's the India story".

Firms' operating profit growth slowed in Q4: RBI

It says rise in expenses impacted profit

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MUMBAI

Operating profit growth of listed private companies decelerated across broad sectors in the January-March quarter of 2021-22, on the back of rise in expenditure, RBI data showed.

The Reserve Bank released its data on the performance of the private corporate sector during the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2021-22 drawn from abridged quarterly results of 2,758 listed non-government, non-financial (NGNF) companies.

Operating profit growth of manufacturing companies decelerated sharply to 7% in the fourth quarter of last fiscal as against 70% in the corresponding quarter of the preceding fiscal.

Sales of 2,758 listed private non-financial firms grew 22.3% in Q4

In the case of companies in services sector (non-IT), the growth in operating profit slowed to 6.1% in the fourth quarter of 2021-22 compared with 62.5% in the year-earlier period.

The operating profit growth in the case of IT firms slowed to 5.9% from 19.7%.

RBI data further showed sales of 2,758 listed private non-financial companies recorded a healthy growth of 22.3% (year-on-year) in the fourth quarter of 2021-22, compared with 22.8% in the comparable quarter of the previous year.

Fynd to hire 800 engineers in South India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Fynd, an omnichannel platform and multi-platform tech company backed by Reliance, will hire 800 engineers in South India as part of its plans to hire more than 2,000 techies by 2023, the company said.

The centre here would also have a new group that would be a part of the core technology team.

"The company is growing rapidly, we are expanding our core products, launching new product lines and actively seeking to enter new markets," said co-founder Farooq Adam.

"We aim to continue our strong growth momentum with new office launch and wish to tap tech talent in the Silicon Valley of India."

SPORT

Kazi thrilled to be back on the field

Will join Jawans CC to mentor youngsters and help the team gain promotion

CRICKET

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

After a traumatic phase in his life, Abrar Kazi is back to playing organised cricket.

Kazi, who has featured in 17 First Class matches, was arrested in November 2019 in connection with the fixing allegations surrounding the Karnataka Premier League (KPL).

Former Karnataka captain C.M. Gautam, Amit Mavi and the owner of the Belagavi Panthers were the others arrested in this investigation.

HC quashes proceedings

In January 2022, the Karnataka High Court quashed criminal proceedings against the four people. The ruling cleared the deck for Kazi to join Jawans CC for this season of the KSCA Group I, II Division league.

Kazi is thrilled to return to the cricket field.

The southpaw, a left-arm spinner and batter, stated that he kept in touch with the sport during the difficult times.

"I thank my friends, family and wife for supporting me through those difficult times.

"In those two-three years, I kept myself busy by coaching at Karnataka Youth Cricket Academy. Coaching helped me stay positive," Kazi told *The Hindu* here on Tuesday.

Huge relief

Kazi explained that when the Karnataka High Court quashed criminal proceedings, it came as a huge relief. "I cannot express how happy and relieved I felt after being cleared by the court," he said.

Kazi... spinning again. •FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Kazi was invited to join Jawans CC by club secretary Irfan Sait.

"I have been at Karnataka Institute of Cricket (Sait is the director & chief coach at KIOC) for so many years, so I have a close relationship with him.

I thank my friends, family and wife for supporting me through those difficult times

ABRAR KAZI

"He called and asked me to join Jawans CC, to help mentor the youngsters in the team and to help gain promotion for the club. I readily accepted his offer," Kazi said.

The 32-year-old added that none of his teammates have raked up past incidents. Not a single teammate has raised old topics with me. Even the players' parents have been encouraging.

"There is no point thinking about the past. It's time to move on," Kazi said.

Sania-Hradecka duo exits

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Fourth seeds Sania Mirza and Lucie Hradecka were beaten 7-5, 6-7(3), [10-7] by Shuko Aoyama and Hao-Ching Chan in the pre-quarterfinals of the $757,900 WTA tennis tournament in Eastbourne.

Other results: $15,000 ITF, Chiang Rai, Thailand: Men: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Cui Jie (Chn) & Tsung-Hao Huang (Tpe) bt Congsup Congcar (Tha) & S.D. Prajwal Dev 6-3, 7-5.

Women (first round): Vanshita Pathania bt Pawinee Ruamrak (Tha) 6-4, 7-6(5); Laalitya Kalluri bt Daria Domova 7-5, 4-0 (retired). **Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Xun Fang Ying (Chn) & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi bt Salakthip Ounmuang & Vichitraporn Vimuktananda (Tha) 7-6(7), 4-3 (retired); Aunchisa Chanta & Patcharin Cheapchandej (Tha) bt Priyanshi Bhandari & Laalitya Kalluri 6-0, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir (first round): Wei Sijia (Chn) bt Jennifer Luikham 6-0, 6-1.

Indian junior women hold Netherlands

HOCKEY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBLIN

The Indian junior women's hockey team came from behind to hold Netherlands to a 2-2 draw at the U-23 five-nation tournament here.

Annu (19th minute) and Beauty Dungdung (37th) scored one goal apiece for India while Brouwer Amber (13th) and Van Der Broek Belen (17th) were on target for the gritty Dutch side Monday night.

The Indians were under immense pressure from the onset as the Netherlands earned back-to-back penalty corners in the opening five minutes.

India will lock horns with Ukraine in its third match of the tournament on Wednesday.

Sundar enters the main draw

TABLE TENNIS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
ALAPPUZHA

Tamil Nadu's Sundar Manikantan upset higher ranked players Anish Sontakke (Maharashtra) and Abhinav Chaudhary (Uttarakhand) to qualify for the main draw in the Youth Boys (under-17) category in the 83rd National Junior and Youth Table Tennis Championships at the N.C.John memorial YMCA TT Arena here on Tuesday.

Sundar came back from two sets down to beat the 24th ranked and group favourite Anish Sontakke 6-11, 6-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-9 to register his first win. He then easily beat Abhinav Chaudhary 11-5, 11-6, 11-8 to qualify.

Unfancied Maharashtra's Kushal Chopda beat 21st ranked Divyaj Roy Rajkhowa of Assam 9-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-9 and later disposed Chirayu Chaitanya (Bihar) 11-2, 11-4, 11-3 to qualify for the main draw.

Shrirsha Patwani Roy of Bengal got better of his higher ranked team-mate Emon Adhikhary 11-8, 11-7, 9-11, 15-13 and then beat Siddhant Desphande (Maharashtra) 14-12, 8-11, 11-5, 11-9 to qualify

However, in the under-19 section there was hardly any surprise on the opening day.

The ninth ranked Aniket Sen of Bengal Choudhary beat teammate Sayan Dutta of Bengal 11-4, 11-7, 11-3.

The 11th ranked Soumyadeep Sarkar (Bengal),had it easy over Arush (Punjab) 11-5, 11-8, 11-6 while the 13th ranked Jash Modi (Maharashtra) whipped Malligarjunan (Pondicherry) 11-5, 11-2, 11-8. Sarath Mishra (UP), ranked 14, and Ansh Goyal (MP), ranked 15th, also started off with easy wins.

A fifth of a series may feel artificial, but let's enjoy it while we can

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

The joys of a five-Test series are many and varied. Yet, increasingly this cricketing institution is in danger of going the way of underarm bowling and the long stop. Only India, England and Australia play it with any regularity now. There has been no five-Test series this century which did not involve one of these three.

India, who dragged the game through some of the most boring five-Test series in the distant past are now the most exciting team to watch, full of zest and unexpectedness. They also have the biggest television audience, making them favourite opponents.

A five-Test series allows an impressive build-up, teases out character, allows those who have failed initially a second and third chance. Led by men who are willing to risk defeat in pursuit of victory, these provide some of the most attractive and memorable narratives in the game.

Akin to a Tolstoyan novel

For that is what the five-Test series is – a Tolstoyan novel, full of changing tones and shifting relationships, celebrating the birth of new heroes and commemorating the death of old ones, full of heroics and promises fulfilled or not lived up to.

It is a series of discrete events that add up to a single session, single day, single match where patterns are discernible only at the end. When equal teams meet, one of them can begin to look decidedly inferior.

Individual players grow through a five-Test series with an inevitability that shorter series deny them. There are few things more thrilling in sport than to watch a young player grow before your eyes.

But – and this was seen as so obvious all these years that no one thought to make a point of it – all this assumes that the Tests are played close to one another, and not spread out over months.

And that's why it is difficult to shake off the feeling there is something artificial about the fifth Test of a series being played some 300 days after the fourth. In the gap between India's victory in the fourth at the Oval, and the start of the fifth at Edgbaston on July 1, a whole world has changed for the two teams.

Virat Kohli and Joe Root are no longer captains, England are no longer the dull dogs of world cricket, and the Indian cricket board has become richer and consequently more powerful following the auction for the IPL media rights.

England prepared for the encounter by taking on New Zealand in a three-Test series which ends just three days before the start of the India Test. India prepared by playing South Africa in a T20 series and the IPL. India last played a Test in January. But these things can go either way.

Either England are match-fit or they do not have enough time to rest between Tests, making it difficult for their bowlers. Either India are out of touch with the red ball game and will have to acclimatise afresh in England or they have had a break and are raring to go (three top players were rested against South Africa). Such things clarify only in retrospect when one team does significantly better than the other, and reasons are sought for victory or defeat.

However you look at it though, England must start favourites. They are playing at home, while India did not have the opportunity to carry their form and momentum forward from the fourth Test.

The Tests were tough and fiercely competitive, and by the end India were leading 2-1. At that stage, they were favourites going into the final Test.

When the decision to play the fifth was made, I thought it was a victory for England's cricket board. Perhaps India were on shaky ground having been the team to pull out owing to a "*fear* of Covid" which is not the Covid itself. The choice might have been between forfeiting a Test or playing it 300 or so days later.

Initially, the then ECB President had said that he saw any rearranged fixture as a "stand-alone situation." It would have to be played, though, to meet TV commitments.

But all that is in the past, and if that terrible television commercial in the build-up to the England series is to be believed, India are ready to clean England out (I admit something might be lost in the translation!).

Test of fitness

The five-Test series is equally a test of fitness, both physical and especially mental – and remaining motivated is key.

Yet, even as the long narrative is being gradually overtaken by sports' version of the short, pithy social media lingo, and the five-Test series becomes a thing of the past, let us enjoy what is still with us.

Even if it means that we hold our breath, in a sense, between the penultimate Test and the final one.

A historical behemoth takes on present challenger

Seasoned campaigner Mumbai, led by Shaw, will fancy its chances; Shrivastava's Madhya Pradesh geared up for the challenge

RANJI FINAL

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
BENGALURU

Under low-slung clouds, the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium was caught between the debris of the past and hopes for the future here on Tuesday. The temporary cubicles and other remnants of the rain-affected T20I on Sunday, were cleared while the ground-staff kept an eye on the playing arena.

The T20I between India and South Africa lasted a mere 3.3 overs but there is now the immediate prospect of five days of cricket as the Ranji Trophy final commencing on Wednesday will feature a historical behemoth and a present challenger. Mumbai, champion on 41 occasions, will face off against Madhya Pradesh, which last made the final in the 1998-99 season.

Moody weather

The pitch with its tinge of green may enthuse rival seamers and later the spinners could come into play. Bengaluru's moody weather, bright sunshine one moment, brooding moisture-laden darkness the next, can affect the best laid plans.

Mumbai rode on its batting in the semifinals against Uttar Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh in turn humbled Bengal and Aditya Shrivastava's men even employed spin from the initial overs. This unit punches above its weight and in coach Chandrakant Pandit, it has a star, who was an insider with Mumbai before he switched to Madhya Pradesh.

Pandit has some old wounds to heal, especially at the Chinnaswamy Stadium. In the 1999 final, he led Madhya Pradesh against Karnataka. Vijay Bharadwaj the batter was in the form of his life but then he used his off-breaks to bundle out the visitor and Pandit believes that he now gets a shot at redemption.

Will Shaw strike form?

Mumbai would be hoping for a century from its captain Prithvi Shaw, who is yet to strike one this season. Yashasvi Jaiswal, Arman Jaffer, Sarfaraz Khan and Suved Parkar have had their vein of form. Seasoned Dhawal Kulkarni helms a pace attack and above all, Mumbai has revealed tenacity, a trait that shines bright in summit clashes. The 2010 Mysore final against Karnataka being a case in point.

Madhya Pradesh with its young batters like Rajat Patidar, Yash Dubey, Akshat Raghuwanshi and Himanshu Mantri and an effective attack with spinner Kumar Kartikeya weaving a web, can test Mumbai. In a season during which their flashy cousins Mumbai Indians struggled in the Indian Premier League, Shaw's men are keen to prove that in domestic cricket they remain the real deal.

The teams (from).

Mumbai: Prithvi Shaw (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Armaan Jaffer, Sarfaraz Khan, Dhawal Kulkarni, Aakarshit Gomel, Prasad Pawar (wk), Hardik Tamore (wk), Sairaj Patil, Aman Khan, Shams Mulani, Dhrumil Matkar, Tanush Kotian, Shashank Attarde, Suved Parkar, Tushar Deshpande, Mohit Awasthi, Royston Dias, Siddharth Raut, and Musheer Khan. **Coach:** Amol Muzumdar.

Madhya Pradesh: Aditya Shrivastava (Capt.), Yash Dubey, Himanshu Mantri (wk), Shubham Sharma, Rajat Patidar, Akshat Raghuvanshi, Saransh Jain, Puneet Datey, Kumar Kartikeya Singh, Anubhav Agarwal, Gaurav Yadav, Parth Sahani, Harsh Gawli, Mihir Hirwani, Rahul Batham, Rakesh Thakur, Vikrant Bhadoria, Ankit Sharma, Omkarnath Singh, Kuldeep Sen, and Arham Aquil. **Coach:** Chandrakant Pandit.

Umpires: Virender Sharma and K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan.

Match referee: Manu Nayyar.

Play starts at 9.30 a.m.

Domestic giant vs. hungry contender

When 41-time champion Mumbai takes on Madhya Pradesh in the final, it will be eager to end its six-year Ranji title drought. Madhya Pradesh, on the other hand, will seek its maiden crown. Holkar, its erstwhile team, bagged four titles

1 Bombay, now Mumbai, was the first Ranji Trophy winner in 1934-35

15 The number of consecutive times Bombay was crowned champion from 1958-59 to 1972-73

41 Mumbai's Ranji Trophy collection

46 Mumbai's appearances in the final. It has lost only five of those summit clashes (vs. Gujarat, 2016-17; Haryana, 1990-91; Karnataka, 1982-83; Delhi, 1979-80; Holkar, 1947-48)

Ready for battle: Skippers Prithvi Shaw and Aditya Shrivastava will be keen to lay their hands on the coveted trophy. ■ K. MURALI KUMAR

2015-16 The last time Mumbai won the trophy (beat Saurashtra in the final)

2016-17 The previous occasion Mumbai reached the title round (lost to Gujarat)

1998-99 Madhya Pradesh's entry into the final (lost to Karnataka)

COACHES' CORNER

- Mumbai coach **Amol Muzumdar** is an eight-time Ranji Trophy winner as a player
- He led Mumbai to victory in the 2006-07 season
- During Muzumdar's career, Mumbai never lost a Ranji final (he did not figure in the XI in the 2008-09 title clash)
- Madhya Pradesh coach **Chandrakant Pandit** won two titles with Bombay as a player (1983-84 and 1984-85). As a coach, he guided Mumbai to three Ranji triumphs (2002-03, 2003-04 and 2015-16). Pandit was also Vidarbha coach when it won back-to-back titles (2017-18 and 2018-19)
- Pandit was the captain when Madhya Pradesh entered the final in 1998-99. Incidentally, it lost to Karnataka at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, the venue of this edition's final

THE 2021-22 CHART

TOP GUNS

Mumbai		Madhya Pradesh
Sarfaraz Khan (803, 7 inns)	Most runs	Rajat Patidar (506, 7 inns)
Sarfaraz (275 vs. Saurashtra)	Highest	Yash Dubey (289 vs. Kerala)
Yashasvi Jaiswal (3), Sarfaraz (3)	Most 100s	Shubham Sharma (3)
	Bowling	
Shams Mulani (37, 9 inns)	Most wickets	Kumar Kartikeya (27, 9 inns)
Innings: Mulani (7/114 vs. Saurashtra) Match: Mulani (11/167 vs. Goa; 11/169 vs. Saurashtra)	Best bowling	Innings: Kartikeya (6/50 vs. Punjab) Match: Kartikeya (8/128 vs. Bengal)
Mulani (5)	Most five-fors	Kartikeya (3)

Chandu sir has done a great job with MP: Shaw

Backing ourselves, says Shrivastava

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

Prithvi Shaw recalled that in the early years of his domestic career, he avoided eye contact with his then Mumbai coach Chandrakant Pandit.

Now a seasoned hand and captain of Mumbai, Shaw has worked up the courage to interact with Pandit on equal terms. Pandit is now the Madhya Pradesh coach.

Speaking on the eve of the Ranji Trophy final between Mumbai and Madhya Pradesh here, Shaw said, "After five years, I could make eye contact with Chandu sir (laughs). It wasn't like this in 2016-17 when I played (under Pandit for Mumbai). Everyone knows that Chandu sir is a tough man. It was nice to see him after a long time. We just met briefly – said 'hi, hello'.

"I think he has done a great job with Madhya Pradesh – they have reached the finals after so many years. Congratulations to Chandu sir and the team."

Shaw called on the many youngsters in the Mumbai side to play the final without pressure. "I'm really proud of the team. I just want them to go out there and enjoy. To the youngsters, I say that this is the same game that you've played at the under-25 or under-19 level, just a level up. The result doesn't matter; it's the effort that matters," Shaw said.

Jaiswal. ■ K. MURALI KUMAR

Madhya Pradesh captain Aditya Shrivastava stated that fast bowler Kuldeep Sen is fit to play. Kuldeep, who had a good IPL 2022 with Rajasthan Royals, had missed the knockout matches.

"Kuldeep is quite fit and ready to go, but we will take a final call on his selection on Wednesday morning. He is a good bowler and a great asset to our team," Shrivastava said.

Shrivastava said that while Mumbai is a domestic powerhouse, Madhya Pradesh has what it takes to provide a stiff challenge.

"Mumbai has been a great cricketing team in the Indian calendar over the years. But ultimately the game is played on the ground, and is a contest between bat and ball. Whoever plays well that day will obviously have the edge. So we are backing ourselves to play good cricket as we have done over the season," Shrivastava said.

Ashwin tests positive

R. Ashwin. ■ FILE PHOTO

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BENGALURU

Off-spinner R. Ashwin has not travelled to the United Kingdom along with his India teammates for the fifth Test after testing positive for COVID-19, revealed a BCCI source. He is currently in quarantine and will only join the squad after meeting all protocols requirements.

"Ashwin hasn't travelled with the squad to UK as he has tested COVID-19 positive before departure. But we are hopeful he will recover before the Test on July 1," said the source.

Washington for Lancashire

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BENGALURU

India all-rounder Washington Sundar is all set to fly to England to play for leading county side Lancashire.

"Washington is nearing full fitness and he needs a lot of game time, which he will get only in red-ball cricket. He is going to play for Lancashire and this exposure will do him a world of good," a BCCI source said on condition of anonymity.

Asalanka and bowlers seal it for Lanka

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Charith Asalanka (110) smashed his maiden ODI century to take Sri Lanka to 258 before the bowlers dismissed Australia for 254 in the fourth match of the series on Tuesday. The win helped the hosts take a 3-1 lead. For Australia, David Warner top-scored with 99.

With 19 off the final over, Matthew Kuhnemann hit three boundaries before Dasun Shanaka kept his nerve to clinch it for Sri Lanka.

The scores: Sri Lanka 258 in 49 overs (Dhananjeya de Silva 60, Charith Asalanka 110) bt Australia 254 in 50 overs (David Warner 99, Pat Cummins 35). AFP

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy final: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Netherlands vs England: 3rd ODI, FanCode, 2.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 10.30 p.m.

Djokovic gets top billing

Nadal seeded second; Swiatek leads the women's list

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This time, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal will be on opposite sides of the draw.

The seedings for Wimbledon were announced on Tuesday, with Djokovic and Nadal being Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in the men's draw because of the absence of Daniil Medvedev and Alexander Zverev.

The top-ranked Russian Medvedev cannot take part as a result of the All England Club's decision to not allow players from Russia or Belarus to enter the event in 2022 over the invasion of Ukraine. World No. 2 Zverev has an ankle injury.

That means Djokovic and Nadal have been bumped up to being the top two seeded players and cannot now meet until the final.

Getting ready: Djokovic practising at Wimbledon on Tuesday. ■ AP

Top-ranked Iga Swiatek of Poland will be the top seed in the women's section while 23-time Grand Slam winner Serena Williams will not be seeded.

Serena unseeded

Serena, who hasn't played competitively since retiring from her first-round match at last year's tournament, has been awarded a wild-card entry for the singles tournament at the All England Club starting next week.

Since 2021, the seedings have been based on the world rankings. The draw is on Friday and the tournament begins Monday.

Ceccon sets World mark in 100m backstroke

Ledecky wins record-extending 17th gold; superb show by teenager Popovici

REUTERS
BUDAPEST

Italy enjoyed a memorable session at the Duna Arena with Thomas Ceccon breaking the men's 100m backstroke World record and 17-year-old Benedetta Pilato clinching the women's 100m breaststroke at the 17th World Championship here on Monday.

American Katie Ledecky continued to pile up her gold medal collection after earning a record-extending 17th World title with victory in the 1,500m freestyle.

Romanian teenager David Popovici confirmed his status as one of the most exciting emerging talents in the sport after producing a blistering swim to take gold in the men's 200 metres freestyle.

Italy's joy began when Ceccon, 21, finished the 100m backstroke with a phenomenal time of 51.60 seconds – 0.25 seconds better than American Ryan Murphy's previous mark.

Murphy, a four-times Olympic gold medallist, finished second.

"I have no words, there was an Olympic champion in 2016 (Murphy) and other strong people (in the field). I'm pretty happy," said a speechless Ceccon.

Creating a ripple: Ceccon acknowledges the cheers after his superlative display. ■ REUTERS

Easily done

Ledecky, who won the women's 400 metres freestyle event on the opening day, cruised to the gold medal with a time of 15 minutes and 30.15 seconds.

A 20th World championship medal helped Ledecky equal the women's record set by compatriot Natalie Coughlin.

The results:

Men: 200m freestyle: 1. David Popovici (Rou), 1:43.21s (world junior record), 2. Hwang Sunwoo (Kor), 1:44.47, 3. Tom Dean (GBr) 1:44.98.

100m backstroke: 1. Thomas Ceccon (Ita) 51.60s (WR), 2. Ryan Murphy (USA) 51.97, 3. Hunter Armstrong (USA) 51.98.

Women: 1500m: 1. Katie Ledecky (USA) 15:30.15s, 2. Katie Grimes (USA) 15:44.89, 3. Lani Pallister (Aus) 15:48.96.

100m backstroke: 1. Regan Smith (USA) 58.22s, 2. Kylie Masse (Can) 58.40, 3. Claire Curzan (USA) 58.67.

100m breaststroke: 1. Benedetta Pilato (Ita) 1:05.93s, 2. Anna Elendt (Ger) 1:05.98, 3. Ruta Meilutyte (Ltu) 1:06.02.

Indian women rally to register facile win

The United States caves in after drawing first blood in the opening match

FIH PRO LEAGUE

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ROTTERDAM

The Indian women's hockey team came from a goal down to beat USA 4-2 in its first match of the FIH Pro League double-header here on Tuesday.

Danielle Grega gave USA the lead in the 28th minute through a field effort before the Indians forced their way back into the match by scoring through Deep Grace Ekka (31st), Navneet Kaur (32nd) and Sonika (40th) to take a 3-1 lead.

The Americans reduced the margin in the 45th minute through Natalie Konerth's penalty corner conversion before Vandana Katariya sealed the game in India's favour with a field goal in the 50th minute.

Good start, but...

India started on a positive note but it was USA which got the first chance in the form of a penalty corner in the 10th minute but squandered it. Soon the Indians had the first shot at the goal but Gurjit Kaur's effort from a penalty corner missed the target.

Well done! Coach Schopman congratulates Sangita after the 4-2 win over USA. ■ TWITTER@FIHPROLEAGUE

In the 22nd minute, USA secured back-to-back penalty corners but wasted both. Vandana's twin efforts from field play in the 27th minute was defended well by USA but in the process India secured a penalty corner. It was to no avail.

A minute later, USA broke the deadlock through Grega who steered the ball into the goal from an Erin Matson's lofted pass from midfield past the Indian goalkeeper Bichu Devi Kharibam.

Just 45 seconds into third quarter, India drew parity through Deep Grace's penalty corner conversion before Navneet stunned the Americans with a brilliant field goal from Vandana's pass after a fine build up from the right flank.

In the 39th minute, Bichu Devi made a brilliant save to deny the Americans.

A minute later, Sonika extended India's lead with a field goal, courtesy a defensive lapse from the Americans.

USA did not give up and reduced the margin just at the stroke of the third quarter through a penalty corner conversion by Konerth.

Five minutes into the fourth and final quarter, India reclaimed its two-goal advantage when Vandana scored with a fierce shot from the right.

Argentina has already claimed the title, finishing with 42 points from 16 matches, while India, making its debut in the tournament, is placed third with 27 points from 13 games.

Unfit Rani misses out; Savita to lead India again

18-member team for WC announced

HOCKEY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Talismanic striker and former skipper Rani Rampal was on Tuesday axed from the 18-member Indian women's hockey team for next month's FIH World Cup. Goalkeeper Savita Punia will continue to lead the side.

Rani didn't feature in the first four games of the European leg of the Pro League, raising doubts about her full fitness, which cost her a place in the World Cup-bound squad.

Deep Grace Ekka remains the vice-captain.

Defenders Ishika Chaudhary and Akshata Abaso Dhekale, midfielder Baljeet Kaur and striker Sangita Kumari also missed out.

The World Cup will be held from July 1 to 17.

India is in Pool B alongside England, New Zealand and China and will begin its campaign on July 3 against England. In the previous edition in London, India made the quarterfinals.

Savita. ■ FILE PHOTO: BISWARANJAN ROUT

The team: Goalkeepers: Savita (Capt.), Bichu Devi Kharibam. **Defenders:** Deep Grace Ekka (vice-capt.), Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita. **Midfielders:** Nisha, Sushila Chanu, Monika, Neha, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur, Sonika, Salima Tete. **Forwards:** Vandana Katariya, Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Sharmila Devi. **Replacements:** Akshata Dhekale, Sangita Kumari.

Jyothi Surekha in second spot

SPORTS BUREAU

World Championships silver medallist V. Jyothi Surekha gave a dazzling performance on her return to the Indian side as she aggregated 705 points to take the second spot in the compound women's individual rankings at the Archery World Cup Stage-3 in Paris on Tuesday.

Priya Gurjar (689), Mukan Kirar (689) and Avneet Kaur (686) bagged the 20th, 21st and 24th places respectively. Abhishek Verma, who was sixth with 711 points, was the top-ranked Indian in men's individual rankings. Mohan Bhardwaj (703), Aman Saini (701) and Sangampreet Bisla (698) were 26th, 33rd and 42nd respectively.

While the Indian men's team was fourth with 2115 points, the women's team was placed third with 2083 points. The Indian mixed team, which tied on 1416 points with top-ranked Great Britain and second-placed Korea, was third.

IN BRIEF

Ramkumar, Yuki bow out

LONDON

Ramkumar Ramanathan and Yuki Bhambri lost in the first round of qualifying at the Wimbledon championships on Monday. Yuki lost to top seed Bernabe Zapata Miralles of Spain 5-7, 1-6 while Ramkumar was defeated 5-7, 4-6 by Czech Republic's Vit Kopriva. PTI

Lisa Sthalekar named FICA president

LONDON

Lisa Sthalekar became the first woman president of Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA). The 42-year-old former Australia captain was confirmed in the role at the FICA Executive Committee meeting in Nyon. PTI

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Is it time for Sabbatical 2.0?

Employers are beginning to view a "career break" as an opportunity to reward and retain rare talent

LIFFY THOMAS

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Certain sectors that have registered an uptick in the attrition rate – as a result of what is famously known as the Great Resignation – seem to be unwrapping Sabbatical 2.0.

Two features of this phenomenon stand out in relief.

Sabbaticals are now offered as much as they are sought. Reasons for granting sabbaticals have become more wide-ranging.

When an employee with six years of experience with InfoBeans Technologies was planning to leave the organisation to help his wife set up her business, it offered him an eight-month break.

Kanupriya Manchanda, Vice-President (People), InfoBeans Technologies, says sabbaticals are paid benefits offered to employees with a minimum of one-year experience who have proved their mettle. The duration of the sabbatical ranges from two weeks to over a year.

In the last two years, 25 people have availed sabbatical leave for a variety of reasons. Kanupriya says offering sabbaticals solidifies the trust an employee may have in an organisation.

In the past, employers offered sabbatical leave for child care, health-related exigencies and for higher studies. The pandemic has generated a whole new set of reasons for which employers extend this type of leave to employees.

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Continental India has brought greater flexibility to its sabbatical policy.

Ajay Kumar, Head of Human Relations, Continental India, says the duration of a sabbatical can be up to two years of unpaid leave. Many employees have availed its flexible and part-time work options as well. "We extend this policy to our employees on a case-by-case basis depending on specific circumstances," says Ajay Kumar. Goldman Sachs introduced a new sabbatical programme that allows the associate to spend time with family, travel, volunteer, or just take a break. This programme offers six weeks of unpaid leave to employees with 15 years of service, and an additional two weeks for every additional five years of service.

ANAROCK Group created a special career break policy for its technology team this financial year. Employees with two or more years of employment with the company can take a career break for childcare, elder care and other personal reasons, says Sukhdeep Aurora, Chief People Officer, ANAROCK Group. The duration of the career break can be anywhere from three to six months, and can be availed after every five years of continuous service with the company.

The challenges

Introducing sabbatical leave, however, is not easy. Anjali Gulati, CEO, People Konnect, says companies need to ensure there is an associate who can replace the employee going on a break. If a company has agreed to pay the person, then budget allocation is a factor to be considered.

"We are increasingly seeing companies asking us to find talent to fill roles for a six-month period," says Anjali. She says the question of whether the person going on leave would be ready to move to another role also needs to be discussed.

To implement a successful sabbatical programme, Kanupriya says, InfoBeans Technologies is focussed on increasing the "bench-strength", which is achieved by having employees with additional skillsets on board so that they can step into the shoes of a person who has gone on a sabbatical.

Kanupriya elaborates: "There have been instances where we have had people, but without the ability to fill the vacant role. In these cases, hiring is unavoidable. Besides, when the sabbatical is for a longer duration, we have to go to the market to recruit talent."

What does it mean to be the CEO for a day?

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EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION No.: CMRL/HR/CON/08/2022 DATED: 22.06.2022

CMRL invites applications from qualified and experienced personnel for appointment for the following positions on contract basis.

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01	DGM (Quality)	01	Rs. 90,000/-	13	40
02	DGM (Safety)	01			
03	AM (Environment)	01	Rs. 60,000/-	02	30

Note: Age, qualification & experience stipulated for above posts should be as on **22.06.2022**. Age will be relaxed for deserving and experienced candidate.

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Last date for receipt of application is **16.07.2022**

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- Artificial Intelligence & Data Science / Machine Learning

Candidates who possess competent skills in research and development will be given priority in all disciplines. Qualification as per UGC / AICTE norms.
Eligible candidates may email their details resume, along with a covering letter to principal@gat.ac.in. Send in your applications before 30th June 2022.
Ensure to include the position and department you are applying for in the subject line of the email.
The Institute reserve rights to fill or not fill any of the advertised positions.
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Sd/- Principal

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DATE : 22.06.2022 (sd/-) SECRETARY

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Sl No.	Name of the Post	Stipend (per Month)	No. of Posts
1.	Data Entry Operator cum Assistant	Rs. 20,000/-	02
2.	Project Assistant – I	Rs. 18,000/-	02
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4.	Project Fellow	Rs. 25,000/-*	22
5.	Mechanic cum Driver	Rs. 20,000/-	02

*The Stipend of Project Fellow varies based on the experience.

For Interview Dates: Please refer to the Advertisement in the Institute Website. The engagement is purely temporary on Contractual basis OR Co-Terminus with the project. Interested and those who are eligible may register their names along with the application (in the format) duly filled between 09:00 to 09:30 Hrs on the respective dates at CMTI.

Other relevant details about the posts, nature of jobs, etc., are available in the Institute website: www.cmti.res.in. Any amendment to this Advertisement will be notified in the Institute Website.

Chief Administrative Officer

MALNAD COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING: HASSAN
Advertisement Notification No. MCE/EST(1)2022-23 dated 17.06.2022

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for the posts mentioned below. Typed applications along with detailed resume and attested copies of the Certificates, marks cards along with a recent Passport size Photograph and a crossed D.D. for **Rs. 1000/- (Teaching) and Rs. 500/- (Non-Teaching)** drawn in favour of the **Principal, Malnad College of Engineering, Hassan** should reach the undersigned on or before **30.06.2022.** Applicants shall fill the details in the Google form through the link displayed in the College Website: **www.mcehassan.ac.in.**

Teaching posts (Un-aided)

Sl.No	Branch	Designation
1.	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Assistant Professor
2.	Computer Science & Engineering	Associate Professor
3.	Electronics & Instrumentation Engg.	Assistant Professor
4.	Information Science & Engineering	Assistant Professor
5.	Chemistry	Assistant Professor
6.	Mathematics	Assistant Professor

Eligibility: Qualifications, experience, salary and age limit as per AICTE norms (fixed as per Malnad Technical Education Society® norms).

Assistant Professor		M.E./M.Tech. in relevant branch with First Class. Candidates with Ph.D. are preferred.
Assistant Professor (Chemistry & Maths)		M.Sc. in relevant branch with First Class. Candidates with SLET or NET or Ph.D. in relevant field are preferred.
Associate Professor	a.	Ph.D. degree in the relevant field and First Class or equivalent at either Bachelor's or Master's level in the relevant branch.
	b.	At least total 6 research publications in SCI journals/UGC/AICTE approved list of journals.
	c.	Minimum of 8 years of experience in teaching / research / industry out of which at least 2 years shall be Post Ph.D. experience.

Non-Teaching posts (Un-aided) ON CONTRACT BASIS

Sl.No	Branch	Designation
1.	Civil Engineering	Mechanic
2.	E & E Engineering	Instructor

Eligibility: Qualifications, experience, salary and age limit as per State scale norms (fixed as per Malnad Technical Education Society® norms).

Instructor	1) Must be holder of a first class B.E/Diploma with Supervisor license in respective branch of Engineering / Technology granted by an Institution recognized by the Government. 2) Must have an experience of not less than three years in the field from an institution recognized by the State Government.
Mechanic	Must be holder of a first class Diploma in respective branch of Engineering

NOTE:- 1. Candidates who are already in service should forward their application through proper channel.
2. Right of filling up the vacancy is left to the discretion of the Institution authorities.

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